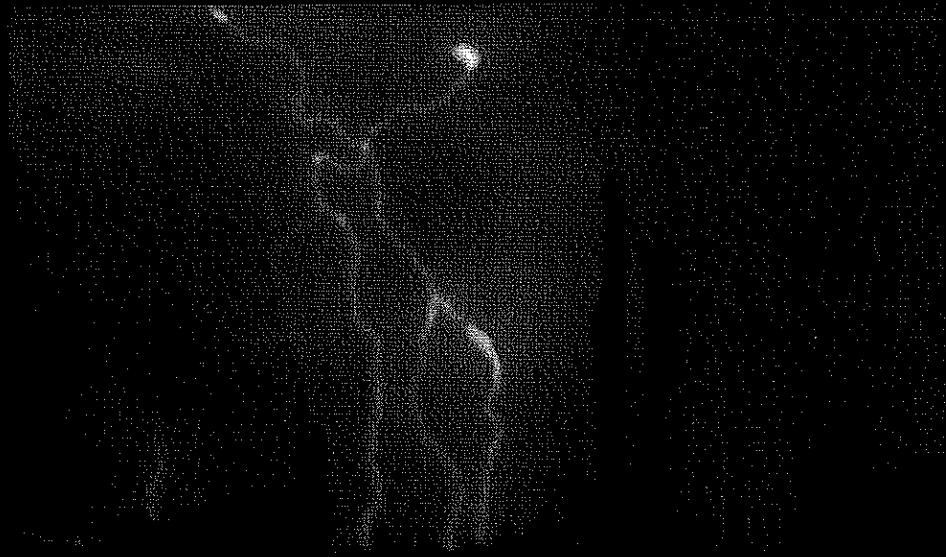




"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the  
Human Rights Commission on how many minorities  
I'm  
supposed to hire for my building crew."



"The Immigration Dept. is checking the  
visa status of most of the people who want to  
work."

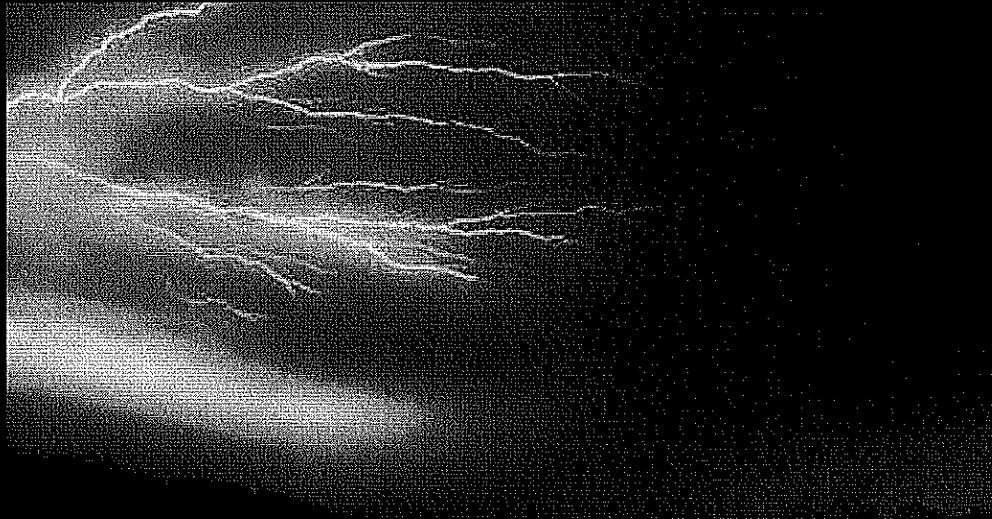


"The trade unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with ark-building experience."



"To make matters worse, the IRS seized all my  
assets, claiming I'm  
trying to leave the country illegally with  
endangered species."





"So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this ark."



"Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky."



Noah looked up in wonder and asked,



"You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

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"No," said the Lord.  
"The Government beat me to it."

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**From:** Munsup @SISCOM Seoh  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 1, 2017 1:20 PM  
**To:** munsup@mpen-ohio.net  
**Subject:** [mpen-cleveland] FW: Our president & "Study says wealthy would get most tax cuts" & "Trump bankruptcy on Puerto Rico" & "Bill O'Reilly is back?!" and more  
**Attachments:** message-footer.txt

FYI. Best, Munsup

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**From:** Joe Biden  
**Subject:** Our president

Forget politics for a second -- because this is about something deeper and far more consequential than partisanship.

Today, we have an American president who tweets about NFL ratings while 3.4 million American citizens face a desperate search for food and water in Puerto Rico.

We have an American president who has publicly proclaimed a moral equivalency between Neo-Nazis and those who would oppose their venom and hate. Who has emboldened white supremacists with messages of comfort and support.

A president who cares more about dismantling his predecessors' achievements than ensuring tens of millions of Americans know the security of health insurance - one who threatens our global standing on a weekly basis with his careless actions and his words.

Every week, it's something new. And I know it's tempting to throw your hands up - to give up, shut down, or tune out for the next three years. But we cannot grow weary. We cannot grow discouraged. And we cannot give an inch.

**Folks, it's up to us now to do what our president has not: Uphold America's values. Defend our constitution. Say, full-throated and together, "This is not who we are."**

There is no question that we must stand up and speak out against every symbol of hate -- be it a flag, a swastika, or a statue. We must declare that there is no place for these hate groups in our America.

But tearing down symbols of hate is not enough.

We have to build, too. And that starts with electing leaders and representatives who will actually lead and represent us.

**I'm fighting like hell for as long as I can stand to make sure this country once again lives up to its highest ideals. Join me today.**

My mother had an expression. "Courage is a virtue," she'd say -- because every other virtue depends on it.

Those with the courage to oppose hate still far outnumber those who promote it. That's the America I know. That's the greatness of this nation.

Our children are watching. We can make them proud of what we did with this moment.

And I believe we will.

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From: Margaret Peters

Subject: The Latest: Study says wealthy would get most from tax plan - - att.net

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**From:** tbacane

**Subject:** FW: Trump bankruptcy on Puerto Rico

TRAITOR Trump must go, please pass the word and do everything possible to help in this effort!

----- Message from A Concerned American -----

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.washingtonpost.com/amphtml/news/fact-checker/wp/2017/09/30/did-president-trump-add-33-million-to-puerto-ricos-debt-by-bankrupting-a-golf-course-there/>

**Subject:** FW: Trump Golf Course

Did you know that TRAITOR Trump is responsible for a large part of Puerto Rica's debt crisis, while he tweets about that island just wanting other people to do everything for them? He screwed the people of PR for almost 33 million dollars in one of his failed golf course projects. Most Americans are not aware of this and the US Congress especially the Senate should investigate this matter. We Americans must demand that TRAITOR Trump get off his ass and shut his damn mouth and start acting like the President he is not and get the proper aid to our brothers and sisters in PR. This is very critical since he is responsible in many ways for the disaster that is happening there. How much longer will we allow this TRAITOR, this FAKE President, to destroy how country? He is doing everything that Russia wants done to our country and it is tome for the real patriots to demand an end to this TREASON! WAKE UP AMERICA!!!

----- Message from: A Concerned American -----

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**From:** Lin-Manuel Miranda

**Subject:** My beloved Puerto Rico

Lin-Manuel Miranda here. I wrote "Hamilton." I'm writing you today to ask for your help.

Puerto Rico—my family's island, America's island—is in desperate need of supplies and resources. Like Texas and Florida, Puerto Rico was just devastated by a natural disaster, but Puerto Rico's need is magnified by the island's geographic isolation from the U.S. mainland. It's been over a week since Hurricane Maria, but so far, help for Puerto Rico is in short supply.

**That's why I'm asking for your help with hurricane relief in Puerto Rico. Will you make a tax-deductible contribution to the relief efforts on the ground through MoveOn? They will**

**pay 100% of the credit card fees. [Donate](#)**

There's no shortage of heartbreaking stories about the devastation experienced by people in my beloved Puerto Rico.

From the children still searching for their parents, to the families who've lost everything but one another, to those displaced from the only homes they've ever known ... **Hurricane Maria's destruction of Puerto Rico has been the most brutal disaster in the island's modern history, leaving a destroyed power grid and unprecedented destruction in its wake.**

**If you're able to help, please make a tax-deductible contribution to support relief in Puerto Rico below, and MoveOn will pay 100% of the credit card fees. [Donate](#)**

My cousin Daniela lives in Puerto Rico and is studying to be a veterinarian. Her parents' home in the hills of Vega Alta is practically an animal sanctuary—there are two goats, a number of cats, several bunnies and a few birds, nine dogs(!) and a couple of horses. Her older sister Camila has been studying recently for the MCAT exam—she wants to be a doctor.

Across the street from their home is my Aunt Yamilla's house, formerly the home of my grandparents and the place where my sister and I spent every summer as children. I remember when my grandfather Guisin was building it—at last, he was moving up to the peaceful hills after a life in town.

As Hurricane Maria roared toward Puerto Rico earlier this month, my family in Puerto Rico braced for impact.

They knew that the wooden house built by Abuelo Guisin—my grandparents' dream home, where I worked on new musicals during summer breaks from college—could not possibly withstand a major hurricane.

For a time, my uncle's concrete house across the street became Noah's ark, as my family sought refuge there—huddled together, along with Daniela's animal menagerie and the precious things that can't be replaced, like family photos and mementos that represent memories of generations of Mirandas.

My late grandfather's dream home is in pieces, the roof and the porch gone. Needless to say, my cousin Camila's MCAT exam has been postponed indefinitely. Thankfully, Noah's ark—my cousins' family home across the road—still stands, and my family is safe so far.

I'm sharing my family's story to give you just a glimpse of what our island is going through.

The truth is that my family was very lucky compared to many. But they and their fellow



American citizens in Puerto Rico now face a host of mounting crises—a lack of running water, a shattered power grid, no access to telephone service, and being unable to connect to the outside world.

**There are 3.4 million people in Puerto Rico, each with their own powerful story, and they need our help. Puerto Ricans need supplies and resources just as badly as their fellow American citizens in Texas and Florida, and this need is magnified by their geographic isolation from the U.S. mainland. [Donate](#)**

The Hispanic Federation is currently facilitating the deployment of fully-trained and certified first responders, including paying for flights to Puerto Rico and related expenses. These first responders—comprised of NYPD and FDNY members and others—will join relief efforts on the island and provide the technical support and expertise that ~~so~~ so badly needed. Relief efforts include examining the structural integrity of buildings so that individuals can safely return to their homes to providing basic supplies like food and clean water.

**They need your help to keep it up. Click below to make a tax-deductible gift: [Donate](#)**

With so much to be done and such great urgency before us, let's help Puerto Rico dig out and rise up. Do it for Daniela and Camila and their dreams. Do it for your fellow citizens.

P.S. A version of this letter originally appeared as a guest column in The Hollywood Reporter. [Click here to read it.](#)

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**From:** Andrew J. Tierman

**Subject:** Workers' Rights

The US Sup Ct could deal a blow to hourly workers in an upcoming case in which employers seek to enforce individual arbitration clauses in contracts, which are effectively contracts "of adhesion" - that is, without the least powerful party having any real power to negotiate.

See:

[http://www.slate.com/articles/news\\_and\\_politics/jurisprudence/2017/09/the\\_supreme\\_court\\_is\\_poised\\_to\\_deal\\_a\\_devastating\\_blow\\_to\\_minimum\\_wage\\_workers.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2017/09/the_supreme_court_is_poised_to_deal_a_devastating_blow_to_minimum_wage_workers.html)

**Subject:** Trump Admin seeks info on protesters against it

Trump's Dept of "Justice" wants Facebook account information from activists against the administration. See:

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/28/politics/facebook-anti-administration-activists/index.html>

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**From:** MARGARET PETERS

**Subject:** FW: It Will Be A Miracle If There Isn't A Hot Shooting War In North Korea, While Trump Beats Up On Football Players

On Tuesday, September 26, 2017 7:16 PM, The Pen <[theteam@peaceteam.net](mailto:theteam@peaceteam.net)> wrote:

Consider the kind of precipitatory events that have started pointlessly destructive wars in the past, for example, the random assassination of an Austro-Hungarian archduke, and by a stray anarchist, not by anyone actually representing the countries they went to war with, that gave us World War I.

Most pertinently, in 1964 there was the relatively minor attack on the USS Maddox in the Gulf of Tonkin. At the time, South Vietnam was conducting aggressive raids on the coast of North Vietnam, and US ships were providing intelligence support from "international waters." At the time it was called a "dangerous game."

Three North Vietnamese patrol boats approached the Maddox and the Maddox fired FIRST, hundreds of large caliber shells. Some torpedoes were launched in response from the North Vietnamese patrol boats which missed, there were NO injuries on the American side and little damage.

There was supposedly a subsequent attack two days later which in fact never happened. And on this basis Congress effectively declared the Vietnam War with the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, which after the death of 50,000 American soldiers was REPEALED because it was so historically bogus.

The Vietnam war was started because we WANTED it, because the administration wanted it, because the military wanted it, and exactly the same dynamic is happening right now in North Korea.

On the current hot-headed trajectory we are just one misstep away now from a hot shooting war that could go nuclear. If recent history proves nothing it is that America needs hardly more than a flimsy excuse, not even a provocative incident, to start an insane and self-destructive war, witness the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

But our military, at the behest of the inflammatory bonehead in the White House, is literally going out of its way to provoke such an incident. We now have strategic bombers flying further north and closer to North Korea than ever before, over "international waters." Where have we heard that expression before? See the above, dangerous game and all.

This is not a show of strength. It is a show of overt aggression and stupidity. It will deter nothing. Instead, it will only make unstoppable and horribly tragic war inevitable.

While at the same time Trump makes more and more explicit existential threats against North Korea. Given this level of deliberative game of chicken confrontation, it is just a matter of time, and probably not long, before somebody fires a shot at someone else, and it will probably be our side, again, that fires first.

In some ways it reminds us of the scenario where a police officer kills an innocent person because they claim they thought they had a weapon and felt threatened, resulting in nothing but senseless and unnecessary fatal violence. Except, here we are talking about tens of thousands of innocent people at minimum, and the weapons the other side can actually deploy may be nuclear.

All wars are justified on the basis of blind patriotism. Remember the fill in the blank attack whatever. And in this context Trump's attack over the weekend against football players for kneeling, and not even in overt disrespect, because they would not robotically follow some prescribed ritual of body position, is all the more alarming.

Trump is firing up the jingoism big time, and purposefully so. Surely you see it too. These events are connected. Ah, yes, jingoism, the last refuge of war starting demagogues.

With a couple exceptions, the entire NFL, including many owners who were among his biggest supporters, have spoken out in unison against Trump's ugly and foul mouthed provocations. And yet he still continues to double and triple down even against them.

Who will speak out now against this mad rush to war?

What hope is there of stopping Trump's lunatic plunge into potential nuclear Armageddon in North Korea?

Frankly, we do not have an answer.

We suppose we are bound to call our members of Congress to demand they stand up against this latest escalation. Here is their main number again.

202-224-3121

But we fear it has already gone too far. Trump listens to nobody, as long as he can get a couple thousand self-selected supporters at a rally to jeer and holler. This is precisely why he never should have been let within 3000 miles of the White House in the first place.

If you would like to make a contribution to support these messages of truth, here is that page, and feel free to request any of our activist, progressive policy message items.

Donations: <https://www.utalk.us/?p=donate> And here is the mailing address if you would prefer to send a check:

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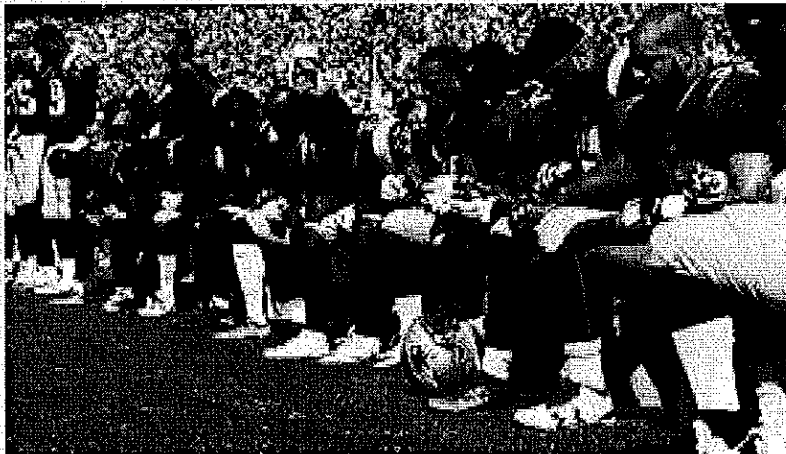
At this point, we will consider ourselves lucky to survive long enough to spend it on something politically productive for you.

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From: David K. Greer

**Black NFL players peacefully protested racial inequality, Trump called them "sons of bitches."**



**Tell the NFL: Support the players' platform for racial equality and Unity Month**

**TAKE ACTION**

**Subject: FW: Stand with Black athletes**

Once again, 45 has proven that Black people are nothing more than property to him. In response, athletes and individuals around the league and our country united to fight back. Now, we're calling on owners to reject Trump's words by doing more than linking arms with players but actually working to protect their safety, rights, and freedoms both on and off the field.

**Tell the NFL: Support Player's Platform & Plan for Racial Equality**

On Friday night in Alabama, Donald Trump reaffirmed his disdain for Black people by referring to any NFL player who peacefully protests racial inequality during the pregame national anthem as a “son of a bitch” who should be forced off the field. During his rambling speech, Trump also took the time to criticize the NFL for implementing rules to promote player safety because those efforts impact his personal entertainment. This came about a week after Trump went after sports journalist Jemele Hill and tried to publicly strongarm ESPN into firing her for comments made on her personal social media.

Perhaps he was feeling emboldened by NFL buddies like Dan Snyder (Washington), Shad Khan (Jaguars), Bob McNair (Texans), Robert Kraft (Patriots), Woody Johnson (Jets) and Stan Kroenke (Rams), all of whom each contributed \$1 Million to his inauguration. Kraft even gave him a Super Bowl ring. Or perhaps he had the consent of the league itself, as their marketing department contributed \$100,000. Either way, **Trump feels way too comfortable demanding the NFL be nothing more than a league of modern day gladiators whose sole purpose is to destroy their bodies for entertainment.** Now it's time for Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL owners to choose which side they're on.

**The NFL can't have it both ways: either support the people who are the reason the league exists or continue to cower to a bigot.**

Earlier this year, a group of players and a former player, Malcolm Jenkins, Michael Bennett, Torrey Smith and Anquan Boldin, met with Goodell and NFL officers to discuss the Player's Coalition's activism in their local communities. They delivered a recently publicized memo calling on the NFL to declare November a month of social activism to advance racial justice causes, including criminal justice reform, to elevate the issue in the same way the NFL does with Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. The request is detailed and includes an ask for **owners and league officials to attend player-led visits to local prisons and meetings with formerly incarcerated people and their family.** It also makes clear that the request is not for permission but financial support and genuine collaboration.

**Demand the NFL listen to players and designate November an official month for racial justice activism.**

After Trump's Friday night tirade, several NFL owners rushed to release statements condemning his words.<sup>1</sup> **But we need action- not more words.** To this day Colin Kaepernick remains blackballed by league owners, despite public acknowledgment from elite quarterbacks around the league from Cam Newton to Tom Brady that Kaepernick is more talented than numerous QBs who have jobs today. Equivocation and calls for unity from the league are no longer acceptable.

Now that several NFL owners claim to support of their players' rights, it is time for Commissioner Goodell to declare November a “month of unity.” **NFL rosters are 70% black, and the league owes it to its players to recognize the heroes who have stood up to racial intolerance in America.**<sup>2</sup> Soccer leagues around the world are working to stand up to racism,<sup>3</sup> it is past time for the NFL to do the same. As DeMaurice Smith, the president of the

players' union, said on Saturday, "We will never back down. We no longer can afford to stick to sports."<sup>4</sup>

### Tell the NFL: Support Player's Platform & Plan for Racial Equality

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**From:** Nita, Shaunna, Kat, Karin, Adam, Holly, Kathy, Susan, Anthea, Audine, Shannon, Emma, Pilar, Natalie, Melody, Pam, Lindsay, and Ryan, the UltraViolet team

**Subject:** Bill O'Reilly is back?!

Former Fox News host and serial sexual predator Bill O'Reilly is making a comeback thanks to Sean Hannity.

On Tuesday, O'Reilly--who was kicked off the air in part thanks to UltraViolet members--appeared on the show *Hannity* and given how the network hyped his appearance this may not be the last time.<sup>1</sup> O'Reilly is unapologetic--he continues to blame the many women he harassed for his firing--so he is just as dangerous as when he was fired.

If Hannity and Fox News don't face major backlash for bringing a sexual predator back for one night, they'll think people have stopped paying attention and they can get away with giving O'Reilly and other predators a platform again.

Dozens of advertisers--including ones that rely heavily on women like Jenny Craig and Wayfair--that pulled their ads from Bill O'Reilly's show continue to advertise on *Hannity*.<sup>2</sup> **Now that Hannity is helping O'Reilly's comeback, we can put the same pressure on these advertisers to not only drop *Hannity*, but Fox News entirely.** Will you add your name to demand companies stop supporting *Hannity* and all Fox News shows?

**Tell Jenny Craig, Advil, Wayfair, and other *Hannity* advertisers: "Sean Hannity is working to normalize Bill O'Reilly, the sexual predator you didn't want to be associated with, by bringing him back on the air. Drop all Fox News shows now."**

## Sign the petition

O'Reilly was kicked off the air a few months ago thanks in part to the work of Color of Change, Media Matter for America, and UltraViolet members like you. After it came to light that Fox had paid off five women who accused O'Reilly of sexual harassment to keep him on the air, we worked together to force advertisers to pull out of the show, a major pressure point on the company.<sup>3</sup> **Now, we can do it again--not just to push Hannity out, but to pressure advertisers to drop Fox News altogether for profiting off of decades of sexist abuse on and off air.**

Dozens of women have now come forward at the network to report harassment, assault, and rape.<sup>4</sup> **The problem goes way beyond one man and it is time that advertisers recognize that supporting any Fox News show means supporting rape culture.**

### **Will you sign now to call on advertisers to drop Fox News?**

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**From:** Don Hazen; Executive Editor, AlterNet

**Subject:** AlterNet's Unprecedented Challenge: Overcoming Google and Facebook

The story I am going to share with you is very disconcerting for independent media and America's future, and frankly it is unprecedented in AlterNet's history.

It is hard to imagine anything scarier than Donald Trump's presidency. But this problem is actually bigger than Trump, and it is a situation that certainly helps him.

This story affects you too, in ways you may not fully be aware of—in fact it affects our whole media system and the future of democracy, and that is not an exaggeration.

We have not yet gone public with our own story. I wanted you, and the rest of our

supportive community, to know the details first. We are going to need your help.

### **The New Media Monopoly Is Badly Hurting Progressive and Independent News**

The story is about monopoly on steroids. It is about the extreme and unconstrained power of Google and Facebook, and how it is affecting what you read, hear and see. It is about how these two companies are undermining progressive news sources, especially AlterNet.

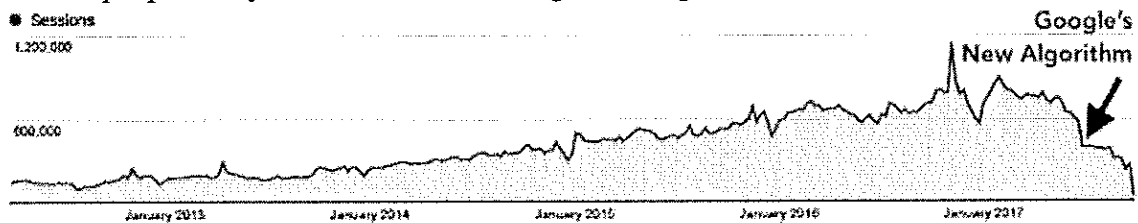
In June, Google announced major changes in their algorithm designed to combat fake news. Ben Gomes, the company's vice president for engineering, stated in April that Google's update of its search engine would block access to "offensive" sites, while working to surface more "authoritative content."

This seemed like a good idea. Fighting fake news, which Trump often uses, is an important goal that we share.

But little did we know that Google had decided, perhaps with bad advice or wrong-headed thinking, that media like AlterNet—dedicated to fighting white supremacy, misogyny, racism, Donald Trump, and fake news—would be clobbered by Google in their clumsy attempt to address hate speech and fake news.

### **The Numbers Are Striking**

We have had years of consistent search traffic averaging 2.7 million unique visitors a month, over the past two and a half years. But since the June Google announcement, AlterNet's search traffic plummeted by 40 percent—a loss of an average of 1.2 million people every month who are no longer reading AlterNet stories.



AlterNet is not alone. Dozens of progressive and radical websites have reported marked declines in their traffic. But AlterNet ranks at the top in terms of audience loss because we have a deep archive by producing thousands of news articles for 20 years. And we get substantial traffic overall—typically among the top five indy sites.

So the reality we face is that two companies, Google and Facebook—which are not media companies, which do not have editors, or fact checkers, which do no investigative reporting—are deciding what people should read, based on a failure to



understand how media and journalism function.

### **The Harvey and Irma of Journalism**

Britain's famed journalist Sir Harold Evans described Facebook and Google as "the Harvey and Irma of journalism—and democracy":

"Whatever else they do, the electronic duopoly deprive millions of information and argument as surely as the series of super storms deprive millions of light, power, home and hearth.

"The climate change deniers will go on calling the link between hurricanes and greenhouse gases a 'hoax'... but no one can deny the devastating effect of Facebook and Google on the viability of news organizations to investigate complexity and resist suppression."

### **The Google Hit Goes Right to Our Bottom Line**

**We need your help** because we are going to take a financial hit over the coming months.

Why? Because Google's undermining of progressive journalism means we have lost a major chunk of audience and as a result are looking at big potential losses in ad revenue.

AlterNet's long-term success is based on our balanced economic model. We get roughly half of our revenue from advertising and half from contributions from readers and supporters like you, as well as a handful of foundations. But now 40 percent of our traffic, earned over many years, has disappeared due to Google's arbitrary tactics.

**We need to stay strong, keep our great staff, and fight Donald Trump and his cult of core supporters.**

We are proud to have never made a desperate appeal for money. We were pleased that we didn't harass you with fundraising pitches every day for months. We had a very healthy balance, and our financial supporters contributed exactly what we needed each year. But now, due to media monopoly on steroids, we are very concerned.

**Can you rededicate yourself to AlterNet and its mission of producing important and powerful independent journalism?**

This fall fundraising campaign is necessary; we need to bolster our finances and prepare to pivot AlterNet so it can survive and continue to be read by a huge audience of millions, without having to rely on Facebook and Google to do it.

That means we need to rely on you—**will you help? (Your contribution today is 100% tax-deductible.)**

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 10:42 AM  
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**From:** European Union Delegation to the U.S.  
**Subject:** EU Express: Standing with Las Vegas

We extend our deepest condolences to the loved ones of the victims killed in the Las Vegas shooting on Sunday...



## Standing with Las Vegas

We extend our deepest condolences to the loved ones of the victims killed in the Las Vegas shooting on Sunday. During this time of mourning we stand in solidarity with the American people, authorities, and medical professionals working diligently to attend to the hundreds of victims injured in the attack. We wish them a full and speedy recovery. On Monday, European Council President Donald Tusk said, "Every killing of innocent people is an attack on us all. Europe mourns victims in #LasVegas."

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**From:** Maria, Seth, Hawley, Ann, and the rest of the team, MoveOn.org Political Action  
**Subject:** We're taking on the NRA directly. Here's how.

In any other country, what happened in Las Vegas, NV, on Sunday and its aftermath would be unthinkable: a devastating gun massacre followed by zero legislative action. But here in the U.S., that's just how it is—because our politics are frozen by the perceived power of the NRA.

The key word: "*perceived*." Because Republican politicians see the NRA as ultra-powerful, they think that staying in power means always siding with the gun lobby—against public safety. So the only way to end this lethal political limbo is to show that the NRA is not a political blessing, but, in fact, a political curse.

We've got a massive opportunity to do this—to take on the NRA in its own backyard. On November 7, Virginia—the state where the NRA's headquarters are located—will elect a governor and state legislature. This is becoming, in part, a referendum on NRA's power and has the potential to transform the perception of the gun lobby's strength—especially important as we head into the 2018 elections.

**MoveOn is ready to scale up our work in Virginia to the next level—if we have the resources. Can you chip in to help? [Donate](#)**

The GOP candidate for governor of Virginia, Ed Gillespie, has an "A" from the NRA and says that it's "too soon" to discuss policy change after the Las Vegas shootings. By contrast, the Democratic candidate, Ralph Northam, has an "F" from the NRA and argues that "we do not need assault weapons on our streets."<sup>1</sup>

Gun safety will be a critical issue in the House of Delegate races, too. As *The Washington Post* reported, "[g]un violence roils Virginia election"—the NRA is already on its heels, delaying a huge planned ad campaign by a week.<sup>2</sup>

**This is it. We've got just 33 days to puncture the myth of NRA invulnerability in Virginia. Can you help? [Donate](#)**

With your support, here's what MoveOn will do:

- **Mega-volunteer mobilization** through our new custom-built, volunteer-driven text message mobilization tool. Not only can we get volunteers out in the streets, we can start testing tactics that will be central to our 2018 efforts.
- **Viral gun-safety videos on social media.** The video that we posted two nights ago—featuring a gun-owning MoveOn member urging gun safety laws—has already notched a million views. We'll pay to get those videos in front of every person who needs a reminder of what's at stake. We'll also use these videos to test their impact and fine-tune our micro-targeting.
- **Media advocacy to make our message clear:** In print and on TV, we'll make sure that the Virginia election serves, in part, as a referendum on the NRA's power.

If Democrats win big in Virginia, Republicans nationwide will see the wave building—accelerating a growing wave of GOP retirements and giving us our best shot at taking the House (and perhaps even the Senate) in 2018. We'll make progressive policies possible in Virginia and nationwide. And we'll show that an

unapologetic anti-gun-violence position can help win elections.

**Can you support this critical work? [Donate](#)**

In the United States of America, power should flow from people voting at the ballot box, not a shadowy special interest group committed to undermining public safety. The horror in Las Vegas should not paralyze us, but propel us to action. Let's stand up to fight for a country in which no one has to live in fear and where our democracy is worthy of its people.

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**Want to support our work?** The MoveOn community will work every moment, day by day and year by year, to resist Trump's agenda, contain the damage, defeat hate with love, and begin the process of swinging the nation's pendulum back towards sanity, decency, and the kind of future that we must never give up on. And to do it we need your support, now more than ever. **Will you stand with us? [Donate](#)**

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**From:** Murshed Zaheed; Political Director, [CREDO Action from Working Assets](#)

**Subject:** Emergency petition: Gun control now

**Emergency petition: Thoughts and prayers are not enough. We need gun control now.**

*Tell Republicans in Congress:*

**"It is time to put your constituents before the National Rifle Association. Reject currently pending legislation that would gut regulations on gun silencers and armor piercing bullets, block the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, and take immediate action to ban weapons of war, including assault weapons and large capacity magazines, which have no place in the hands of**

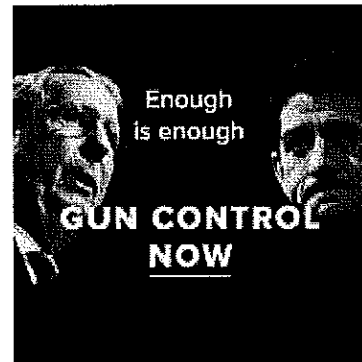
private citizens.”

Add your name:

**Sign the petition▶**

Sunday night in Las Vegas, a lone gunman rained gunfire down on a country music concert, killing 59 people and sending more than 500 to the hospital. **It was one of the deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history.<sup>1</sup>**

Republicans in Congress – who have fought for years to block any legislation that would protect Americans from gun violence – were quick to offer their “thoughts and prayers” in response. But thoughts and prayers are not enough to keep weapons of war out of dangerous hands and begin to address our country’s horrific gun violence epidemic.



**It is time for Republicans in Congress to join Democrats in standing up to the National Rifle Association and pass commonsense gun control laws that will save American lives.**

**Tell Republicans in Congress: Thoughts and prayers are not enough. We need gun control now. Click here to sign the petition.**

Sunday’s shooting is far from an isolated incident. According to Newsweek’s John Haltiwanger, there have now been “273 mass shootings and over 11,000 deaths from gun violence in America” in 2017 alone.<sup>2</sup>

But instead of working to protect Americans from the gun violence epidemic, **Republicans in Congress are planning to vote as soon as this week on two bills that would make Americans even more vulnerable to gun violence:**

- **The SHARE Act (H.R. 3668)**, which would repeal restrictions on gun silencers and make it harder to detect the source of gunfire during mass shootings.<sup>3</sup>
- **The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 38)**, which would undermine state efforts to protect residents from gun violence by forcing states to recognize concealed carry permits issued by any other state, no matter how lax the state’s permitting standards are.<sup>4</sup>

We must forcefully demand that Congress reject both of these dangerous pieces of legislation and take immediate action to ban weapons of war, including assault



weapons and large capacity magazines. **Please add your name to our emergency petition now.**

**Tell Republicans in Congress: Thoughts and prayers are not enough. We need gun control now. Click here to sign the petition.**

Stephen Paddock, the suspect in the Las Vegas shooting, reportedly had at least 23 guns in the hotel room he used as a sniper perch.<sup>6</sup> There's simply no good reason for a private citizen to have access to that many weapons of war, but it should not come as a surprise.

Nevada has some of the weakest gun control laws in the United States. There are no limits on the number of guns an individual can own, and assault weapons are legal in the state as long as they are registered.<sup>7</sup> **The combination of weak state and federal gun laws made such a horrific attack possible.**

**There's one reason why Congress consistently fails to take real action on gun violence: the National Rifle Association.** The NRA has a chokehold on Congress that keeps most bills about gun control from even coming to the floor for a vote. Politicians beholden to – or afraid of – the NRA are willing to turn their backs on their constituents when it comes time to implement reasonable limits and controls on guns. But you can count on them for a “heartbroken” tweet about their “thoughts and prayers” when a tragic shooting makes the national news.

Finally breaking the NRA's chokehold on Congress will require massive grassroots pressure on our elected officials, demanding that they deliver more than thoughts and prayers in the face of our epidemic of gun violence.

**Tell Republicans in Congress: Thoughts and prayers are not enough. We need gun control now. Click the link below to sign the petition:**

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Add your name:

**Sign the petition▶**

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**From:** Andrew Tierman

**Subject:** things about automatic guns and today's gun culture

some things about automatic guns and today's gun culture for us squishy non-gun-loving liberals to know....

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**From:** Rudy Fichtenbaum; President, AAUP

**Subject:** One Faculty, One Resistance

After last November's election, we expressed our concern about unique threats posed by the new administration to core institutions of our democracy and to academic freedom. In the months since, we have seen these threats begin to unfold.

Faculty members are being targeted and harassed, the freedom to join together on the job is in jeopardy, and producers of independent thought and knowledge, including faculty, scientists, and journalists, are threatened. The academic year has begun with a spate of racist incidents on campus, another travel ban aimed primarily at Muslims, the decision to end the DACA program that grants residency to many of our students, and, just last Thursday, a decision by the Supreme Court to take up a case that could strip workers in unions of rights.

We believe that democracy thrives on dissent, critical inquiry, free speech, and free research. And that means that we must do more than witness these events; **we must resist them.**

**That's why we invite you to check out our One Faculty, One Resistance campaign.**

The AAUP is the voice of the profession. As such, we've been speaking up for academic freedom for more than 100 years. And in these troubled times, we're doing it with renewed urgency and vigor.

We've created a central space for our campaigns and materials related to these threats--materials to help you fight against targeted harassment of faculty and for the right to teach and conduct research freely, and to resist political interference and litmus tests in higher education.

Take a look around and share news of the campaign! A powerful resistance requires collective action and voice. Click here to share.



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## WELCOME TO ONE FACULTY, ONE RESISTANCE!

The One Faculty, One Resistance campaign brings faculty together to fight targeted harassment and political interference and protect academic freedom and research.

LEARN MORE

**From:** Andrew Tierman

**Subject:** the moral unfitness and lack of human empathy of

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should be shared with those who may have voted...and still may support....

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**From:** Nita, Shaunna, Kat, Karin, Adam, Holly, Kathy, Susan, Anatheia, Audine, Shannon, Emma, Pilar,

Natalie, Melody, Pam, Lindsay, and Ryan, the UltraViolet Action team

**Subject:** UPDATE: Abortion ban PASSED

*Yesterday, instead of working to help Puerto Rico or address the Las Vegas tragedy, the House of Representatives passed a 20-week abortion ban. We need to start our campaign NOW to stop the ban in the Senate. Will you chip in?*

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**House of Representatives has scheduled a vote TODAY to ban abortion after 20 weeks nationwide.**

That's right. Less than 48 hours after the tragic shooting in Las Vegas and with Puerto Rico still in ruins, this is what Trump and the anti-choice Republicans in Congress have been up to.

**Worse yet, the bill is so extreme that abortion providers who help women in the most desperate health situations will face up to five years in prison.<sup>1</sup> But with anti-choice Republicans in charge of both houses of Congress and Neil Gorsuch on the Supreme Court, this abortion ban could actually become law--unless we mobilize the kind of public outcry that stopped Trumpcare.**

**UltraViolet is launching an emergency push to stop this awful bill from getting to Trump's desk. Will you chip in \$5?**

Under the 20-week ban, women facing the most tragic and difficult circumstances threatening their health, future ability to have children, and other risks will suddenly be unable to access the care they need. Women often discover fatal fetal anomalies and other complications after 20 weeks. **But instead of women making decisions about their own bodies, Trump will be deciding for them.**

And you have to ask, with all the problems facing us from Puerto Rico to Las Vegas, why are Republicans pushing an abortion ban now? **To appease their far right base, which is livid over their failure to repeal the Affordable Care Act.**

To fight back, we need to organize a rapid response effort to flood Congress with phone calls and generate the kind of widespread media coverage that put so much pressure on

Republicans to back away from Trumpcare.

But we don't have much time, and already three Democrats in the Senate have come out in favor of the ban. So we'll need to fight tooth and nail to keep the bill off the president's desk. **Will you chip in \$5? Yes, I'll chip in \$5 to help stop the 20-week abortion ban.**

**CONTRIBUTE**

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**Want to support our work?** UltraViolet is funded by members like you, and our tiny staff ensures small contributions go a long way. **Chip in here.**

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**From:** Kathleen Turner; PFAW Supporter and PFAW Foundation Board Member

**Subject:** BREAKING: House PASSES abortion ban! Join me in fighting back now>>

Republican leadership is once again trying to distract from their inability to govern by attacking who they see as an easy target: women.

House Republicans just passed a BAN on abortions after 20 weeks! The bill is an unconstitutional attack on women's health, reproductive freedom, and even our basic equality ... part of the Right's ongoing campaign grant "personhood" to fetuses at the expense of women's fundamental rights.

**We don't have any time to waste and must move quickly to STOP this abortion ban in the Senate! Will you join me?**

**Please sign the petition demanding your senators stop the 20-week abortion ban>>**

The anti-choice Right's disregard for women's lives is disturbing, and it's up to all of us to do everything we can to stop these ideologues' efforts to control women's bodies.

This bill -- championed by Arizona Representative Trent Franks and sponsored by a group of 170 representatives which includes *only 12 women* -- doesn't just ban abortion at 20 weeks. It also introduces criminal penalties for doctors who perform these abortions -- signaling to doctors that they could go to prison for doing their jobs.

Please join PFAW and me in standing up to the right-wing, mostly male politicians who don't understand the realities of women's lives and want to run roughshod over our fundamental rights.

**Add your name. Demand that your senators vote against the 20-week abortion ban!**

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**From:** Thomas Scott

**Subject:** Health, Law and Trumplandia; Faculty Hires; American University; NFL and #TakeAKnee

Counties with poor health were more likely to vote Trump, study says

GOP Health Care Proposals: More Decisions, Less Money For States

Unhealthiest places in US made 'dramatic' switch to back Trump in 2016 election, study finds

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American University is responding to another racially charged incident

From Louis Armstrong to the N.F.L.: Ungrateful as the New Uppity

The #TakeAKnee protests have always been about race. Period.

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**From:** Judy Burnette

**Subject:** "Trump's Criticism of Anthem Protests Infuriates Military Veterans Who Fought 'Precisely' for that Right" - Waking Times Media

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**From:** tbacane

**Subject:** FW: Tell the NFL: Support the players' platform for racial equality

**Don't let Roger Goodell and the NFL owners co-opt and whitewash this racial justice movement.**

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM PROTEST:**  
A CALL TO ACTION FOR THE NATION'S PLAYERS  
TO STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST RACISM  
AND IN SUPPORT OF THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT

**IT TAKES EVERYONE**  
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**EDITOR OF ALL CAMPAIGN**

Tell the NFL: Support the players' platform for racial equality and Unity Month

**TAKE ACTION**

The whitewashing and erasing of the national anthem movement began in earnest this week. **While we saw many players take emotional stands for racial justice, many teams, owners, and media outlets began to erase Colin Kaepernick and racial justice from this protest movement in favor of vague statements about “unity.”**

With these efforts to erase the core message behind the anthem protests, and the ongoing blackballing of Kaepernick, **it's critical that we reaffirm what these protest are about and not let the league off the hook.** They are about ending police brutality and racial justice. And the league has been given a concrete plan by their own players for how to engage and use their considerable resources to make a difference in the fight against police brutality and racial

injustice. **It's time for the NFL to move past words and meaningless displays of "unity" and support the Support Players' Platform for Racial Equality and Criminal Justice Reform.**

**Tell the NFL: Support Players' Platform & Plan for Racial Equality**

Until justice is real,

-- Brandi, Rashad, Arisha, Evan, Jade, Corina, Johnny, Chad, and the rest of the Color Of Change team.

*See our earlier email below with more details about the Players' Platform & Plan for Racial Equality.*

**Black NFL players peacefully protested racial inequality, Trump called them "sons of bitches."**



**Tell the NFL: Support the players' platform for racial equality and Unity Month**

**TAKE ACTION**

Once again, 45 has proven that Black people are nothing more than property to him. In response, athletes and individuals around the league and our country united to fight back. **Now, we're calling on owners to reject Trump's words by doing more than linking arms with players but actually working to protect their safety, rights, and freedoms both on and off the field.**

**Tell the NFL: Support Player's Platform & Plan for Racial Equality**

On Friday night in Alabama, Donald Trump reaffirmed his disdain for Black people by referring to any NFL player who peacefully protests racial inequality



during the pregame national anthem as a **"son of a bitch"** who should be forced off the field. During his rambling speech, Trump also took the time to criticize the NFL for implementing rules to promote player safety because those efforts impact his personal entertainment. This came about a week after Trump went after sports journalist Jemele Hill and tried to publicly strongarm ESPN into firing her for comments made on her personal social media.

Perhaps he was feeling emboldened by NFL buddies like Dan Snyder (Washington), Shad Khan (Jaguars), Bob McNair (Texans), Robert Kraft (Patriots), Woody Johnson (Jets) and Stan Kroenke (Rams), all of whom each contributed \$1 Million to his inauguration. Kraft even gave him a Super Bowl ring. Or perhaps he had the consent of the league itself, as their marketing department contributed \$100,000. Either way, **Trump feels way too comfortable demanding the NFL be nothing more than a league of modern day gladiators whose sole purpose is to destroy their bodies for entertainment.** Now it's time for Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL owners to choose which side they're on.

**The NFL can= 2t have it both ways: either support the people who are the reason the league exists or continue to cower to a bigot.**

Earlier this year, a group of players and a former player, Malcolm Jenkins, Michael Bennett, Torrey Smith and Anquan Boldin, met with Goodell and NFL officers to discuss the Player's Coalition's activism in their local communities. They delivered a recently publicized memo calling on the NFL to declare November a month of social activism to advance racial justice causes, including criminal justice reform, to elevate the issue in the same way the NFL does with Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. The request is detailed and includes an ask for **owners and league officials to attend player-led visits to local prisons and meetings with formerly incarcerated people and their family.** It also makes clear that the request is not for permission but financial support and genuine collaboration.

**Demand the NFL listen to players and designate November an official month for racial justice activism.**

After Trump's Friday night tirade, several NFL owners rushed to release statements condemning his words.<sup>5</sup> **But we need action- not more words.** To this day Colin Kaepernick remains blackballed by league owners, despite public acknowledgment from elite quarterbacks around the league from Cam Newton to Tom Brady that Kaepernick is more talented than numerous QBs who have jobs today. Equivocation and calls for unity from the league are no longer acceptable.

Now that several NFL owners claim to support of their players' rights, it is time for Commissioner Goodell to declare November a "month of unity." **NFL rosters are 70% black, and the league owes it to its players to recognize the heroes who have stood up to racial intolerance in America.**<sup>6</sup> Soccer leagues around the world are working to stand up to racism;<sup>7</sup> it is past time for

the NFL to do the same. As DeMaurice Smith, the president of the players' union, said on Saturday, **"We will never back down. We no longer can afford to stick to sports."**<sup>8</sup>

### **Tell the NFL: Support Player's Platform & Plan for Racial Equality**

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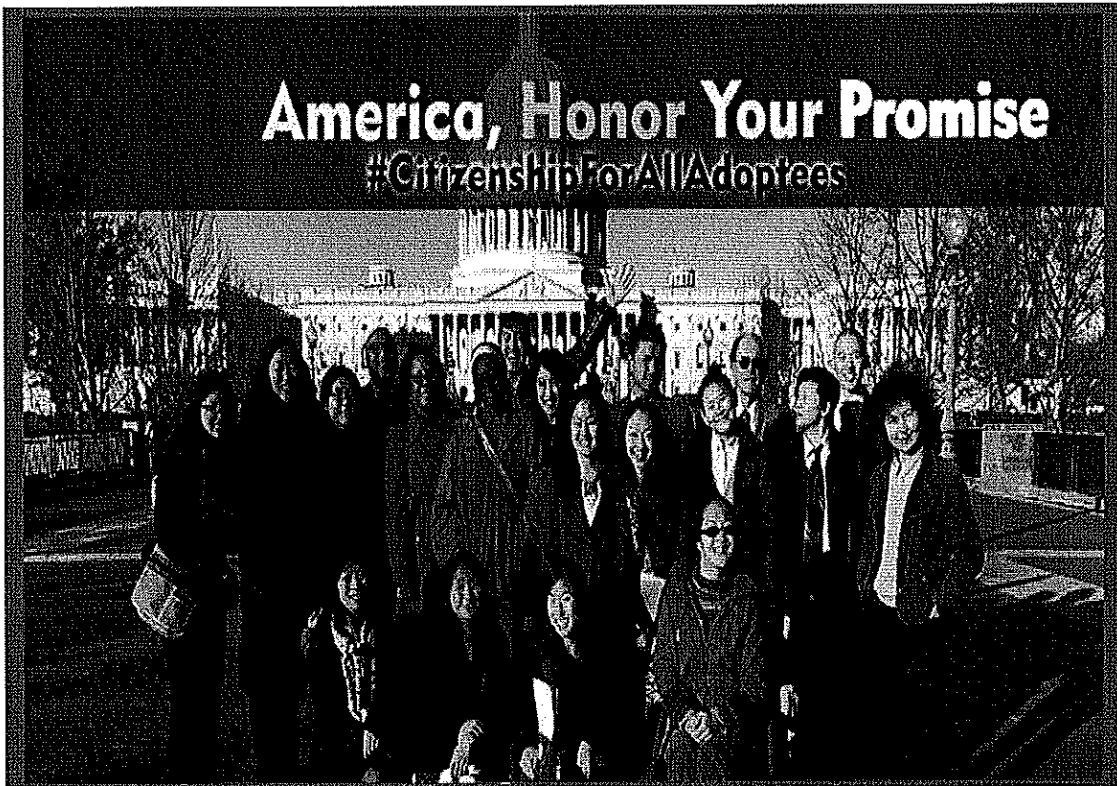
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**From:** Adoptee Rights Campaign

**Subject:** America, Honor Your Promise! Adoptees without citizenship need your help - call your Senators TODAY!

## **Call your Senators TODAY!**

**America, Honor Your Promise: Citizenship For ALL Adoptees**



On October 4th and 5th, members of the Adoptee Rights Campaign, led by those directly impacted, will meet with our members of Congress in Washington DC to advocate for the Adoptee Citizenship Act, legislation that will grant citizenship to ALL adoptees.

**We need YOUR HELP to amplify OUR VOICE, so our elected officials know this is an issue that matters to us all! Call your Senators TODAY and urge them to support the Adoptee Citizenship Act.**

**Calling your Senator takes less than 2 minutes! Here is a sample script:**

**For Adoptees:**

Hello! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am an adoptee from \_\_\_\_\_. I am calling to remind you about the Day of Action that is happening right now and to strongly urge you to support the Adoptee Citizenship Act. Adoptees should have citizenship, like their parents, because it is our human right.

**For Adoptive Parents:**

Hello! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am an adoptive parent from \_\_\_\_\_ who proudly supports the Adoptee Citizenship Act, which will grant citizenship to people adopted as children by US citizens. I'm calling to remind you about the Day of Action that is happening right now and to strongly urge you to support this very important cause.

**Help us reach our goal of \$4,000 to ensure voices of Adoptees without citizenship are heard! We need your help to ensure that our legislators understand the urgency of passing the Adoptee Citizenship Act!**

**DONATE TODAY!**

*When the United States facilitated our adoptions, intercountry adoptees were promised a better life as American citizens and children of US citizen parents. 35,000 adoptees who grew up in America still lack US citizenship today. Join us as we call on Congress to close this legislative loophole, granting citizenship to ALL adoptees once and for all.*

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**From:** OEFFA

**Subject:** *Correction:* Press Statement: New Bill Invests in Health of Farmers and Communities

**New Bill Invests in Health of Farmers and  
Communities**  
**Statement from Amalie Lipstreu, OEFFA Policy Program  
Coordinator**

**For Immediate Release on** September 25, 2017

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*Columbus, OH*—Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, introduced the Local Food and Regional Market Supply (FARMS) Act (HR 3941) yesterday. This legislation directs the U.S. Department

of Agriculture to continue positive investments in local food systems, community economic development, and public health.

Ohio Ecological Food and Farming Association (OEFFA) Policy Coordinator Amalie Lipstreu, released the following statement:


*"The bill introduced by Senator Brown makes important investments that will allow farmers to reach new markets; increase community access to fresh, healthy, local food; and support the food infrastructure that connects producers to buyers. With commodity prices falling, farmers are increasingly looking for new opportunities and for some that means investments close to home where markets for locally and regionally produced food continue to rise.*

*Even with the growing demand for food produced in Ohio, some farmers struggle because they don't have access to the infrastructure they need. It could be storage, transportation, or processing that limits the growth of markets that enrich farmers and local communities. Ohio is home to many thriving cities, rural communities, and farmland. By connecting the dots we can create wealth and health and move toward greater sustainability."*

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**From:** Prevent Blindness, Ohio Affiliate

**Subject:** Save the date, October 10th The Big Give



**26-Hour Online Giving Rally**  
**October 10-11 Go BIG. Be KIND!**  
columbusfoundation.org | #biggive

Support Prevent Blindness by making your donation through The Columbus Foundation's Big Give from Tuesday, October 10th at 10am through Wednesday, October 11 at 12pm. Donations made to us during this 26-hour online-giving event will be amplified by a bonus pool of funds.

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End of Minority People's Email Network (MPEN) e-Newsletter

**From:** UC Government Relations  
**Sent:** Monday, October 9, 2017 11:51 AM  
**To:** Rep48  
**Subject:** University of Cincinnati Summer Graduates & Deans' List

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You are invited to receive the names of University of Cincinnati students who have achieved Dean's List recognition for Summer 2016-2017 and the Graduation List by pointing your web browser [here](#).

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**ERADICATING POLIO: Reaching the Last Child**

*Presented jointly with NPR*

Friday, October 20, 2017

SPECIAL TIME: 11am-Noon ET

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Once a global scourge, polio is tantalizingly close to eradication with only 11 wild poliovirus cases reported worldwide in 2017. In this Forum event — to be held in advance of World Polio Day on October 24 — experts from the Government of Pakistan, UNICEF, Rotary International, and the Harvard Opinion Research Program will explain what factors contributed to this remarkable progress. Where were we five years ago in the effort to end transmission? What challenges emerged and how were they overcome? And where do we go from here? Looking specifically at the latest findings from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria, speakers will describe the key roles of polling and data collection, community and family engagement, new communication efforts and more in building trust to enable widespread vaccinations. They will explore what brought us to this “last mile” of polio eradication, and what needs to be done to fully eradicate this ancient, debilitating and entirely preventable disease.

#### **EXPERT PARTICIPANTS**

Jalaa' Abdelwahab, Polio Unit Deputy Director, UNICEF

Mike McGovern, Rotary Chairman, International PolioPlus Committee

Ayesha Raza Farooq, Prime Minister's Focal Person on Polio Eradication, Government of Pakistan

Gillian SteelFisher, Senior Research Scientist and Deputy Director of the Harvard Opinion Research Program, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

## MODERATOR

Jason Beaubien, NPR's Global Health and Development Correspondent on the Science Desk

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Send our panelists questions in advance to [theforum@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:theforum@hsph.harvard.edu)

We'll be conducting a live chat on The Forum's [Eradicating Polio](#) website.

Tweet us @ForumHSPH #polio

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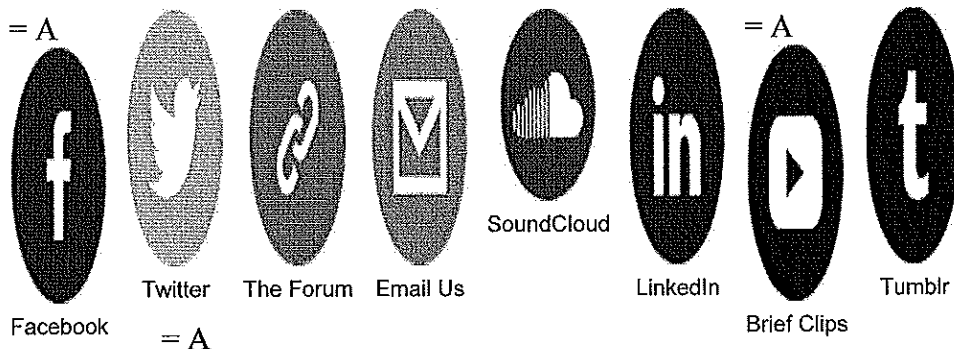
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## October 21, 1967

In Washington, D.C., more than 100,000 demonstrators from all over the country surrounded the reflecting pool between the Washington and Lincoln monuments in a largely peaceful protest to end the Vietnam War.

It was organized by "the Mobe," the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam. Some then marched on, encircled and attempted to storm the Pentagon in what some considered to be civil disobedience; 682 were arrested and dozens injured. This protest was paralleled by demonstrations in Japan and Western Europe, the most violent of which occurred outside the U.S. Embassy in London where 3,000 demonstrators attempted to storm the building.

[bit.ly/MobeDemoInDC](http://bit.ly/MobeDemoInDC)



at the pentagon

## October 24, 1981

More than 250,000 people, organized by the Committee for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), marched through London to protest the siting of American nuclear missiles in the United Kingdom.

[bit.ly/250MNoMissilesUK](http://bit.ly/250MNoMissilesUK)



banner from the demo

## October 25, 1955

Sadako Sasaki, following the Japanese custom of folding paper cranes – symbols of good fortune and longevity – persisted daily in folding cranes, hoping to create senbazuru (1000 paper cranes strung together) when a person's dream is believed to come true, died.

Sadako was two years old when the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and at 12 was diagnosed with Leukemia, "the atom bomb" disease.



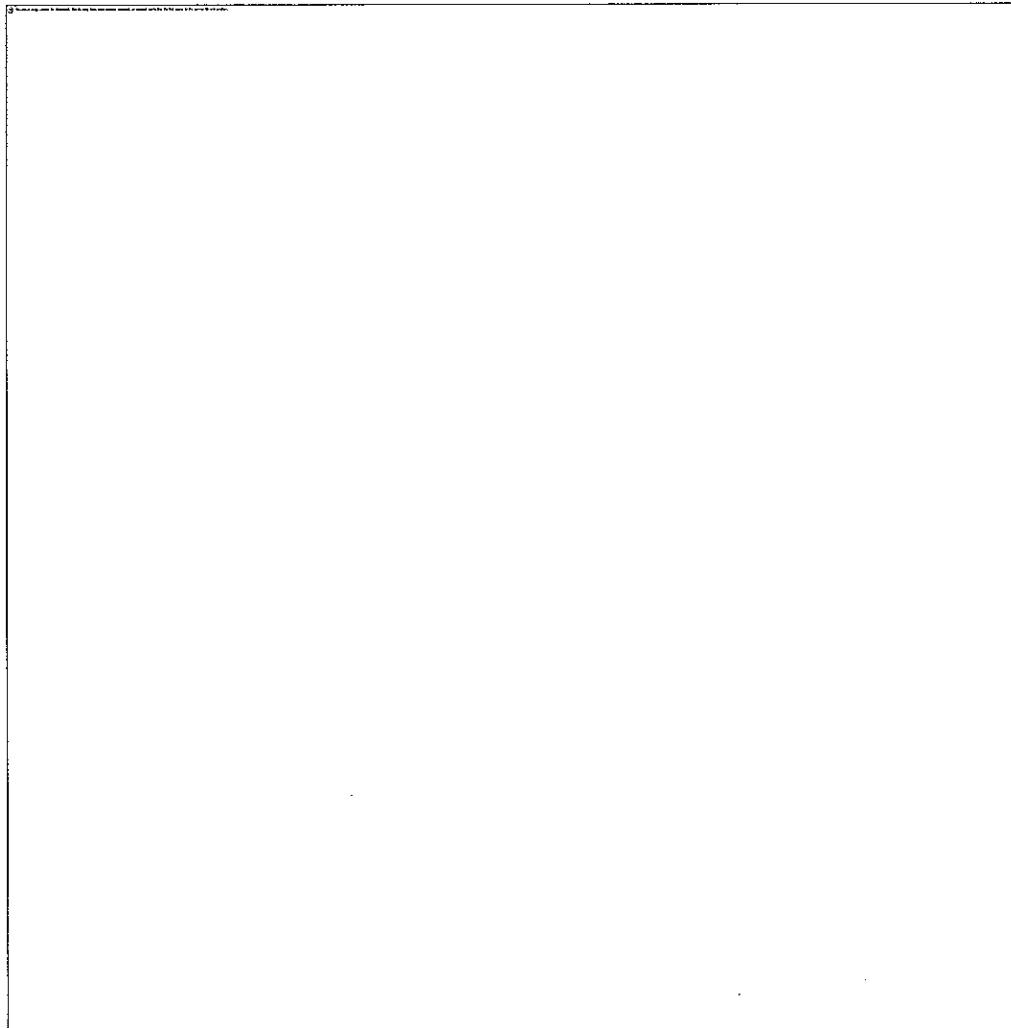
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**From:** MARGARET PETERS

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ESPN suspended "Sportscenter" host Jemele Hill for calling out racism and racists, and the White House is trying to get her fired. I just signed a petition demanding that ESPN apologize to Jemele Hill for suspending her and publicly commit to protecting its journalists' First Amendment rights. I hope you will sign it, too:

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Tell ESPN: Stand with Jemele, not Trump



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From: ***The New York Times***

Subject: Today's Headlines: Why Has the E.P.A. Shifted on Toxic Chemicals? An Industry Insider Helps Call the Shots

Jeff Flake, a Fierce Trump Critic, Will Not Seek Re-election for Senate

**Why Has the E.P.A. Shifted on Toxic Chemicals? An Industry Insider Helps Call the Shots**

By ERIC LIPTON

A scientist who worked for the chemical industry now shapes policy on hazardous chemicals. Within the E.P.A., there is fear that public health is at risk. (At right, a signing ceremony for new rules on toxic chemicals.)

**Jeff Flake, a Fierce Trump Critic, Will Not Seek Re-election for Senate**

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

Mr. Flake, a Republican of Arizona, said he would "no longer be complicit or silent" in the face of the president's "reckless, outrageous and undignified" behavior.

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**From:** Team Beto via Daily Kos

**Subject:** Texas: SIGN NOW to oust Ted Cruz

CNN has just released their list of Senate seats most likely to switch parties in 2018 -- further proof that our people-powered campaign is gaining momentum across Texas. CNN says Ted Cruz finds himself "in a competitive race against Rep. Beto O'Rourke."

**Make no mistake, our campaign is on CNN's radar because of YOU!** But we also know that the Cruz campaign and their special interest donors can read the news too -- and they'll respond by rushing a new flood of dark money to our race.

**Sign the petition: join Beto for Senate to oust Ted Cruz, win back the Senate, and turn Texas blue!**

**ADD YOUR NAME & TURN TEXAS BLUE**

This news comes as some question our decision to keep this race about people, not PACs. One even said our campaign refusing PAC money makes victory "impossible." But we're proving them wrong.

First, our campaign outraised Cruz earlier this year. Then, our most recent numbers showed us receiving 7,000 more individual contributions than Ted. We've done it all without a single PAC dollar. And now CNN is paying close attention.

**Add your name to support Beto for Senate, who can oust Ted Cruz, win the Senate, and turn Texas blue!**

**SIGN NOW TO OUST CRUZ**

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**From:** The Guns Down team

**Subject:** NRA spokeswoman attacks Trayvon Martin's mom on Fox News

Last week when we launched our campaign against the NRA's murder insurance, we knew they'd throw mud at us and make false claims. We knew they'd claim their cynical plans were harmless. And we knew that supporters of their dangerous agenda would attack us.

**We didn't know Dana Loesch, an NRA spokesperson and advisor to NRA leader Wayne LaPierre, would go on national television to gaslight Trayvon Martin's mother.**

But she did.

**Help push back against their repulsive attacks  
by becoming a Guns Down donor today.**

Loesch went on Fox News to discuss the video we released with Sybrina Fulton, whose son Trayvon Martin was killed in a 2012 shooting. Without ever revealing that she is the primary spokesperson for the NRA's Carry Guard murder insurance, Loesch went on the attack

Friend, she called Sybrina Fulton's opposition to Carry Guard murder insurance "crazy." She called arguments against it "completely illogical." **She claimed there's no good reason to oppose a program as cynical and dangerous as the murder insurance she helps sell.**

We need to stand up for what is right. **Contribute to our fight and help combat the NRA's dangerous insurance and their vile rhetoric.**

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**From:** Maria, Pulin, Alex, Erica, and the rest of the team, MoveOn.org Civic Action  
**Subject:** Three weeks since the Las Vegas shooting

It's been three weeks since the Las Vegas, NV, shooting—in which 58 people were killed and hundreds more were injured.

**In the aftermath, hundreds of thousands of MoveOn members—including gun owners—are taking effective action, mobilizing quickly to ensure members of Congress and elected officials around the country take meaningful steps to end senseless gun violence.**

**As a result, we can celebrate a major victory that we helped achieve:** This weekend, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) voted to reject donations from the gun lobby and other predatory corporate interests—after more than 20,000 MoveOn members signed a **petition by Sandy Phillips**—the mother of an Aurora, CO, movie theater shooting victim. Sandy's petition was delivered to the DNC by California committee member Christine Pelosi shortly before the vote.

Below are more details on this victory and on further inspiring actions led by MoveOn members and allies. Social change is not a quick or easy process, but in the

wake of the Las Vegas tragedy—together—we helped the movement for gun safety grow stronger:

## **VICTORY: Democratic Party rejects the NRA and other predatory corporate donors**



More than **20,000 people signed a petition by MoveOn member Sandy Phillips**—whose daughter, Jessi, was slaughtered in the Aurora, Colorado theater massacre in 2012—asking the DNC to reject donations from the gun industry.

**And this weekend—the DNC, the governing body of the national Democratic Party—heard us and took action: They passed an official resolution rejecting donations from the gun lobby and other corporate donors that conflict with the Democrats' platform.<sup>1</sup>**

Additionally, dozens of members of Congress who have received NRA campaign support are now facing pressure from thousands of MoveOn members in their districts to give back or donate NRA contributions to causes focused on gun violence prevention. **Click here to find out if your members of Congress have received money and sign or start a similar petition to #RejecttheNRA.**

## Battling the NRA in its home state, Virginia



# ENDORSEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

MOVEON MEMBERS HAVE VOTED TO ENDORSE THESE CANDIDATES IN VIRGINIA.

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We're helping defeat the NRA in Virginia by supporting a slate of diverse progressive candidates who support commonsense gun legislation.

**MoveOn members in Virginia have voted overwhelmingly to endorse**

**Ralph Northam for governor, Justin Fairfax for lieutenant governor, along with 11 House of Delegate candidates.** And while the NRA is funneling funds to the Republican candidates, we are bringing people power into Virginia, along with deploying state-of-the-art SMS tools and persuasive video content, to demonstrate that we can take on—and defeat—the NRA.

And MoveOn members around the country are making calls to progressive Virginia voters to encourage them to volunteer and—most critically—vote on November 7. **Click here to help get out the vote and deliver the NRA and their Republican enablers an electoral defeat.**

## **Delivering a strong message to Congress: Act to end gun violence NOW**



The day after the mass shooting in Las Vegas, Mark Carman, a Grammy-nominated country music producer and gun owner, **launched a campaign on the MoveOn petitions** platform calling on Congress to take meaningful action to stop gun violence.

**More than 215,000 MoveOn members from across the nation signed Mark's petition, and his impassioned video on Facebook now has 2.7 million views!**

Days later, **Mark traveled to Washington, D.C.**, to speak at a press conference and bolster the efforts of Representative Elizabeth Esty—who represents Newtown, CT, where the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting took place—to announce the introduction of the Keep Americans Safe Act, which would limit high capacity magazines.

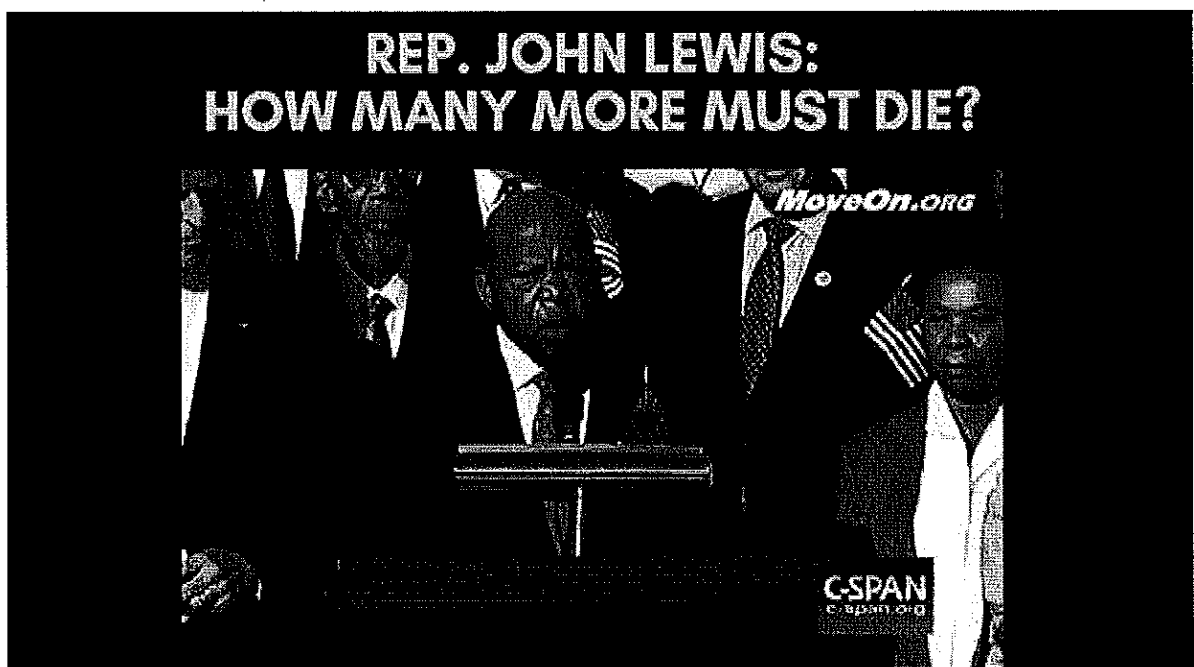
And last week, MoveOn teamed up with Newtown Action Alliance and other groups to hold a vigil and rally outside the Capitol in Washington, D.C., to demand action on gun violence.

**MoveOn members were thanked multiple times and heartbreaking petition comments were read aloud, including this one from Sherry C. of Las Vegas:**

"I was in attendance at Route 91 festival and am a gun owner and lifelong resident of Las Vegas. I grew up around guns, own guns, and believe in the Second Amendment. However, there is no place for assault weapons in our society outside of the military. Period. PLEASE—enough is enough."

Meanwhile, volunteers personally hand-delivered Mark's petition to *all 535 offices of members of Congress in Washington, D.C.*

**Members of Congress are listening—and speaking out**





**The morning after the Las Vegas tragedy, Representative John Lewis spoke, prophetically asking: "How many dead bodies will it take to wake up this Congress?"**

In the days following, incredible work from gun violence prevention allies and outrage from MoveOn members across the country has helped many members of Congress to listen and speak out.

Representative Dina Titus, who represents the area of Las Vegas where the shooting took place, **recorded an exclusive video** with MoveOn encouraging the public to stay vigilant in the movement to stop gun violence and hold elected officials accountable in 2018. Her colleague, Representative Ruben J. Kihuen, **talked about how it's incomprehensible** that Congress is refusing to take up common sense legislation to stop gun violence.

Many members of Congress have also introduced several new pieces of legislation for commonsense gun violence prevention measures—such as banning bump stocks, the tool used by the Las Vegas shooter to convert his guns into a fully-automatic weapons.<sup>2</sup>

All of this work and progress is possible only because of your support, dedication, and heart. MoveOn members and our allies have been working to advance gun violence prevention for years, and it can seem like an uphill climb. But, when we come together, we have the power to take on the NRA and to move the needle towards commonsense gun laws.

**Thank you for being a part of the MoveOn community and for joining, leading, and supporting important campaigns.**

**Will you start your own petition for progressive change now?**

Thanks for all you do.

**Source:**

1. "DNC creates new restrictions for corporate donations," *The Hill*, October 21, 2017  
[http://act.moveon.org/go/19736?t=30&akid=191868%2E1195276%2ErSkB\\_P](http://act.moveon.org/go/19736?t=30&akid=191868%2E1195276%2ErSkB_P)
2. "Bipartisan lawmakers unveil bill to ban gun bumpstocks," *The Hill*, October 10, 2017  
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**Want to support our work?** The MoveOn community will work every moment, day by day and year by year, to resist Trump's agenda, contain the damage, defeat hate with love, and

begin the process of swinging the nation's pendulum back toward sanity, decency, and the kind of future that we must never give up on. And to do it we need your ongoing support, now more than ever. **Will you stand with us?** Donate monthly or make a one-time gift

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**From:** Andrew Tierman

**Subject:** Bravo, Don Lemon's open letter to Trump: 'Please stop!' & CrowdJustice and crowdfunding lawsuits in the Trump era

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/24/opinions/don-lemon-letter-to-trump-la-david-johnson/index.html>

SUE THE BASTARD (MORONOTUS)!

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**From:** Kathryn Johnson; Office of Public Policy and Advocacy, AFSC

**Subject:** Defend Temporary Protected Status for hundreds of thousands of immigrants!

**Tell Congress: Save TPS!**



Maria came to the United States 26 years ago from El Salvador with the hopes of creating a better life for her children. When a catastrophic 7.6 magnitude earthquake ravaged El Salvador in 2001, her family was granted temporary protected status (TPS), a vital program that provides protection for immigrants in the U.S. when it's unsafe for them to return to their home countries.

TPS has given Maria—and an estimated 330,000 people from countries afflicted by natural disasters, war, or other dangerous conditions—the opportunity to build their lives in the United States.

But the Trump administration has signaled that it may end TPS—a move that would be the latest in a series of cruel attacks on immigrants that would rip apart families and hurt communities across the U.S.

Call your members of Congress today: Tell them to do everything they can 1) to ensure that the administration extends TPS for all countries currently covered and 2) to support legislation that would ensure stability for TPS recipients who have lived here for many years.

Maria recounted to staff in our Newark office, which represents over 500 TPS

holders, how TPS has allowed her to work in the U.S., raise her children (who now have children of their own), and send money home to her family in El Salvador. But, TPS leaves holders of the status in a precarious position paying hundreds of dollars every 18 months to renew, never knowing for sure if it will be extended or not.

Most TPS recipients have been in the U.S. for decades and are deeply integrated into our communities. They provide emotional and financial support to loved ones; shoulder responsibilities in schools, churches, and civic organizations; and contribute billions of dollars to our economy. Ending TPS would have a devastating impact on the social and economic fabric of cities and towns across the country.

Contact Congress today, and urge them to ensure the administration extends TPS and work toward a permanent solution that creates a roadmap to citizenship for recipients and millions of other immigrants in the U.S.

P.S. You can also tweet at your senators and representatives with the message “Declare your support for #TPS holders & legislation to protect them from deportation #SaveTPS #ResidencyNow”

## **Take Action**

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**From:** Nita, Shaunna, Kat, Karin, Adam, Holly, Kathy, Susan, Anatheia, Audine, Shannon, Emma, Pilar, Natalie,

Melody, Pam, Lindsay, and Ryan, the UltraViolet Action team, UltraViolet Action

**Subject:** Me Too & Trump's latest attempt to undermine health care

## **Me Too**

Last week, tens of thousands of us shared stories of sexual abuse and harassment on social media using #MeToo. Two simple words, blanketing feeds on social media worldwide, have helped awaken a movement and spurred thousands of conversations about what's next.

Women are using social media in unprecedented and creative ways to hold abusers and sexists accountable, and so are we. Following UltraViolet is the BEST way to stay up to date with breaking news in the fight against rape culture and ensure you won't miss original UltraViolet graphics, live videos, events, and campaign updates.

### Will you like us on Facebook?

Already receive our Facebook updates? Twitter is a great way to call out sexists in pop culture, sports, and politics with 140 (or 280, if you're lucky) characters.

### Will you follow us on Twitter?

We're also posting original graphics and photos from our actions on Instagram, too. Follow along!

If you already follow us on social media, please share this with a friend.

Thanks for all you do!

--Nita, Shaunna, Kat, Karin, Adam, Holly, Kathy, Susan, Anatheia, Audine, Shannon, Emma, Pilar, Natalie, Melody, Pam, Lindsay, and Ryan, the UltraViolet Action team

P.S. We're launching an UltraViolet Action Mobile Updates program, so you can stay up to date with local actions, sit-ins, and campaigns. [Learn more and sign up here.](#)

## **Trump's latest attempt to undermine health care**

Trump recently announced he would cut funding for cost-sharing subsidies that make health care affordable, **a move that would throw the health care market into complete chaos.**

Congress is in a panic and has proposed bipartisan legislation that will restore funding for the subsidies -- but they're far from reaching a deal.<sup>1</sup>

UltraViolet members mobilized repeatedly this year and stopped Trumpcare in its tracks. Now it's time to create a massive outcry to demand Congress take action to protect these critical subsidies.

### **Will you chip in \$5 to UltraViolet Action to support our emergency campaign to stop Trump's sabotage of our health care system?**

Here's what would happen if funding is cut from these cost-sharing subsidies:

- 7 million families would be at risk of losing their health care.
- Premiums would increase by 20% for EVERYONE in 2018 -- even those who don't rely on the subsidies.
- It would become even more difficult for women, especially women of color, to access the care they need.

Since Congress failed twice to repeal the Affordable Care Act, Trump is trying to dismantle it all by himself. If he thinks he can get away with single-handedly sabotaging our health care system, he's got another thing coming.

**Our grassroots organizing has proved to be one of the most powerful tools in the fight to protect the Affordable Care Act. Let's show Trump that we won't back down from defending health care:**

**Chip in \$5 right now to UltraViolet Action and together we will hand Trump another defeat on health care.**

**CONTRIBUTE**

SOURCE: 1. 2 Senators Strike Deal on Health Subsidies That Trump Cut Off, New York Times, October 17th, 2017

**Want to support our work?** UltraViolet Action is funded by members like you, and our tiny staff ensures small contributions go a long way. **Chip in here.**

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**From:** Judy Burnette

**Subject:** "6 Years Ago Today, the US Helped Murder Gaddafi to Stop the Creation of Gold-Backed Currency"

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**From:** Eric Kramer

**Subject:** NEIL STEINBERG Chicago Sun-Times: 'Don Quixote' ripped from the headlines?

*"Let's just say the tale of a delusional old man who blunders about, claiming to help people while actually attacking innocent passersby and then interpreting the resulting fiascos as embellishing his legend of unmatched glory, well, has a certain unexpected relevance."*

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/columnists/don-quixote-unexpected-relevance/>

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**From:** Daytonians Against War Now (DAWN) On Behalf Of Logan Martinez

**Subject:** [DAWN] Expansion of Imperialist US "War on Terror" in Africa Preceded Deadly Attacks in Niger and Somalia

**Expansion of Imperialist US "War on Terror" in Africa  
Preceded Deadly Attacks in Niger and Somalia**

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 *By Amy Goodman and Juan González,  
Democracy Now! | Video Interview*

We look at the US military presence in Africa and what happened during the ambush of US Special Forces by militants in Niger, in which five Nigerian soldiers were killed along with four US Green Berets. The incident is now the subject of a military and FBI investigation. At least 800 US servicemembers are currently stationed in the country to support a French-led mission to defeat militants in West Africa. Meanwhile, Somalia continues to recover from a massive bombing in Mogadishu that killed at least 358 people. We speak with Horace Campbell, who is currently spending a year in West Africa as the Kwame Nkrumah chair at the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana. Campbell is a peace and justice scholar and professor of African American studies and political science at Syracuse University. We are also joined by Mark Fancher, an attorney and frequent contributor to Black Agenda Report, where his new article is headlined "US Troop Deaths in Niger: AFRICOM's Chickens Come Home to Roost."

#### TRANSCRIPT

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** We turn now to the US military presence in Africa and what happened during the ambush of US Special Forces by militants in the West African nation of Niger, which is now the subject of a military and FBI investigation. During a press conference Monday, Marine General Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, laid out a timeline of the Niger attack on October 4th, in which five Nigerien soldiers were killed along with four US Green Berets, after their 12-member Army Special Forces unit accompanied 30 Nigerien forces on a reconnaissance mission to an area near the village of Tongo Tongo, about an hour north of the capital. They reportedly ended up spending the night there, and when they left the next morning to return to their base, they encountered about 50 enemy fighters. This is General Dunford.

**GEN. JOSEPH DUNFORD:** So, early in the morning of 3rd October, as I mentioned, US forces accompanied that Nigerien unit on a reconnaissance mission to gather information. The assessment by our leaders on the ground at that time was that contact with the enemy was unlikely.

Mid-morning on October 4th, the patrol began to take fire as they were returning to their operating base. Approximately one hour after taking fire, the team requested support. And within minutes, a remotely piloted aircraft arrived overhead. Within an hour, French Mirage jets arrived on station. And then, later that afternoon, French attack helicopters arrived on station, and a Nigerien quick reaction force arrived in the area where our troops were in contact with the enemy.

During a firefight, two US soldiers were wounded and evacuated by French air to Niamey, and that was consistent with the casualty evacuation plan that was in place for this particular operation. Three US soldiers who were killed in action were evacuated on the evening of 4 October. And at that time, Sergeant La David Johnson was still missing. On the evening of 6th October -- 6 October, Sergeant Johnson's body was found and subsequently evacuated.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** Dunford's description underscored how long the attack dragged on. He said when he realized the body of Sergeant La David Johnson was missing, he made a call to Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and got immediate approval to bring the, quote, "full weight of

the US government to bear" in order to locate the missing soldier. Dunford defended the broader American mission in Niger, saying US forces have been in the country intermittently for more than two decades. At least 800 US servicemembers are currently stationed in the country to support a French-led mission to defeat the Islamic State, al-Qaeda and Boko Haram in West Africa.

**AMY GOODMAN:** This comes as Republican Senator John McCain, chair of the Armed Services Committee, threatened to issue a subpoena in order to speed up the release of details about the attack. On Monday, Johnson's widow spoke out on Good Morning America about her husband's death, saying she's upset about remarks President Trump made during a condolence call. Myeshia Johnson reaffirmed she and others heard Trump say, "He knew what he signed up for, but it hurts anyway." She said it, quote, "made me cry even worse," and noted the president also struggled to remember her husband's name.

**MYESHIA JOHNSON:** It made me cry because I was very angry at the tone of his voice and how he said -- he couldn't remember my husband's name. The only way he remembered my husband's name, because he told me he had my husband's report in front of him. And that's when he actually said "La David." I heard him stumbling on trying to remember my husband's name. And that's what hurt me the most, because if my husband is out here fighting for our country and he risked his life for our country, why can't you remember his name?

**AMY GOODMAN:** Last week, Florida Congressmember Frederica Wilson said she heard the call in which President Trump told Johnson's widow he, quote, "knew what he signed up for ... but when it happens, it hurts anyway." Over the weekend, Trump called Wilson "wacky" in a series of tweets, without once mentioning La David Johnson or offering condolences to his family. That was the day of the funeral.

Meanwhile, Somalia continues to recover [after] a massive bombing in Mogadishu that killed at least 358 people and wounded over 400 others, [and] a roadside bomb exploded on Sunday, killing 11 people. The explosions come after the Trump administration stepped up a US campaign against al-Shabab in Somalia. In March, Trump declared Somalia a so-called zone of active hostilities, giving wide latitude to military leaders to launch airstrikes and ground assaults. In May, that led to the first US combat death in Somalia since 1993, when Navy SEAL officer Kyle Milliken was killed in an assault on an al-Shabab radio station. In August, a raid by US soldiers and Somali troops on a village outside Mogadishu left 10 civilians dead, including three children.

For more, we're joined by two guests. In Detroit, Mark Fancher is with us, an attorney, frequent contributor to the Black Agenda Report. His latest [article](#), "US Troop Deaths in Niger: AFRICOM's Chickens Come Home to Roost." Joining us via Democracy Now! video stream from Luanda, Angola, is Horace Campbell, currently spending a year in West Africa as the Kwame Nkrumah chair at the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana. He is a peace and justice scholar and professor of African American studies and political science at Syracuse University.

We want to welcome you both. Professor Campbell, let's begin with you. You're on the continent. You're in Africa. Can you respond to what has happened in Niger and put it in a larger context of US-Africa policy right now?

**HORACE CAMPBELL:** Greetings from Luanda, and greetings to all the people who want



peace.

What is happening with the United States' presence in Africa is similar to the United States' presence in the United States itself. That is, the lives of African people do not matter. The United States of America is involved in a duplicitous war on terror in Africa, when on the streets of the United States of America black people are being terrorized. At the same time, the United States is in a dubious alliance with France, that wants to instigate ideas about terror in order to save capitalism in France.

So, this relationship between the United States and France, in what is called fighting war on terror in the Sahel, comes six years after the United States, France and Britain went into Libya to destroy that country, because that country wanted to create the basis for the unification of Africa and an African currency. Last year, President Obama said that going into Libya was the biggest mistake of his presidency. Later, in October of 2016, the British Parliament had a report that said that going into Libya was based on lies. The only government that did not respond was the French government, that mobilized those who are called al-Qaeda to fight against Gaddafi. The same French government that mobilized the so-called al-Qaeda forces in Mali, in Niger, is mobilizing within the United Nations to get African Union, to get five countries in Africa -- Mauritania, Mali, Chad, Burkina Faso and Niger -- to support France, to get the United Nations to send millions of dollars in this so-called fight against terrorism.

The challenge for us in the peace and justice movement is to oppose both the United States and France in this so-called war on terror. What the people of West Africa need is money for reconstruction, health, housing, employment and changing the natural environment, so that the millions of youth can get jobs. It makes no sense for the United States of America to be spending \$100 million to build a base in Agadez, in Niger, where France has already a military base, and France is using the United Nations in the so-called multidimensional peacekeeping force in this so-called war on terror. What we need is for a massive campaign to get the truth about why these people are in Niger, Mali and Chad, because there is no war on terror going on when they finance the so-called terrorists to overthrow the government of Libya.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** Professor Campbell, if you could -- you've talked about France and the United States and their role. Most Americans were not aware that there were this many troops, American troops, in Africa. But could you also contrast or compare the French role and the US role to China's increasing role in Africa and the strategy that China is using, as well?

**HORACE CAMPBELL:** Well, in the case of France and the United States of America, both cannot compete with China. In the case of Niger, Niger provides 75 percent of the electricity needs of France, because it produces uranium; 7.5 percent of the world's production of uranium comes from a French company in Niger. In 2010, in 2008, 2010, China promised to invest billions of dollars in oil production in Niger. The president of Niger at the time, Mamadou Tandja, had accused France of financing those who are called terrorists. He was overthrown in a coup d'état. Both the United States and France and other members of the European Union are opposed to the Chinese presence in Africa, because where in a country like Djibouti the United States has 4,000 troops, China has spent \$5 billion building a state-of-the-art port and has spent \$10 billion building a railway from Djibouti to the capital city of Ethiopia, in Addis Ababa. There is no possibility of the United States of America and Western Europe competing with China in Africa.

Africans do not want this competition over their territory. What Africans want is a demilitarization of the continent and for the duplicitous role of France, the European Union and the United States to end in this so-called war on terror. The African people want money for reconstruction, so that in a country such as Somalia, every cent that is being used for fighting the war on terror could be spent in building schools, and then the police operation could be used against al-Shabab. We can only deal with terror when we demilitarize it and treat the extremists in Africa in isolating them from the communities of young people, who are fed up with the alienation because there's unemployment and low standards of living for the African people.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Professor Campbell, we have to break, but we're going to come back to this discussion, and we'll be joined by Mark Fancher and find out specifically in Niger about the US building a drone base there and how many drone bases are being built across Africa. Right now the US ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, is taking a trip to South Sudan, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Stay with us.

[break]

**AMY GOODMAN:** "For All We Know" by Abbey Lincoln, here on Democracy Now!, [democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org), The War and Peace Report. I'm Amy Goodman, with Juan González.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** We continue to examine the US military presence in Africa and what happened during the ambush of US Special Forces by militants in the West African nation of Niger, which is now the subject of a military and FBI investigation. I want to bring into the discussion Mark Fancher, an attorney and frequent contributor to Black Agenda Report. His latest [article](#) is titled "US Troop Deaths in Niger: AFRICOM's Chickens Come Home to Roost." We're also -- we're also joined by -- from Luanda, Angola, by Horace Campbell, Institute of African Studies professor at the University of Ghana. Mark Fancher, the "chickens come home to roost," explain.

**MARK FANCHER:** Well, the USAfrica Command is something that was created in or about 2007. At the time, it was clear from its design that it was intended as a way for the United States to use military methods to carry out its imperialist agenda in Africa without having to run the risk of suffering US casualties. The idea was that US military forces would be placed in strategic locations in Africa for the purpose of training, advising and directing the armies of African countries, essentially, to carry out missions for the United States. So it was a, you know, they-could-have-their-cake-and-eat-it-too sort of a situation, where they could engage certain hostile forces in combat and not have to worry about US troops dying.

It has not worked out that way. We have just seen within the past month the fact that there are US troops that are at risk as a result of this. It was inevitable. Any time that you introduce violence into a situation that requires the construction of infrastructure and attending to the needs of the poor, you're going to run into this kind of thing. So, it was, in a very real sense, their chickens coming home to roost. They did not escape.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Mark Fancher, can you talk about what the US troops are doing right now in Niger? I'm surprised many a number of senators, although apparently they've been briefed several times this year -- that at least 800 US soldiers are in Niger right now. Can you talk about why a drone base is being built? Can you talk about where Agadez is, what they're doing both in Niger and in other places in that region?

**MARK FANCHER:** Well, it's not just Niger. What many people also don't know is that this level of military presence can be found in many countries throughout Africa -- most of them, as a matter of fact. Since 2007, the United States has been expanding its reach and has been planting small groups of people in various different locations, not always with what would be regarded as military bases, but as embassy-based operation centers, where they carry out military training and different operations using African armies. So, it's no different in Niger. And the use of drones is just an extension of the basic idea of carrying out reconnaissance missions, and sometimes actual attacks, without putting US troops at risk. So, this is very much par for the course.

And I really think it's important to really understand what has happened in Africa over the last 10 years. In 2007, when AFRICOM was created, the presence of terrorists, to the extent that we see them now, was -- there was nothing comparable. The presence, if any, was minimal. What was going on in Africa at the time was that you had organizations like the Movement to Emancipate the Niger Delta, or MEND, which had engaged in very militant kinds of attacks on US oil installations, breaking up pipelines, kidnapping US oil company and Western oil company personnel, and issuing a threat in 2006 that they could not guarantee the safety of either the facilities of oil companies in and about Nigeria and in that region or the people who were sent there to work on them. It was at that moment that the United States decided that it was going to set up this special command, which was unprecedented, for Africa exclusively.

You know, you also see what was happening during that period was what they branded as piracy off the coastal waters of Somalia. These were fishermen whose waters had been contaminated by people who had come in and had plundered and raided their fishing facilities and had made them unable to engage in a livelihood. And in retaliation, they began to attack those boats and ships that were coming through those waterways, which was a major international shipping lane.

So, these twin concerns about access to the coastal region in Somalia, the oil that was being produced in the Niger Delta and in the Gulf of Guinea, those were the primary drivers for the creation of AFRICOM. And the more that the US military established a presence in that region and throughout Africa, the more terrorism tended to grow.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** Well, Mark Fancher, I wanted to ask you about another key event in the history of Africa, the recent history of Africa, which was the US participation in the overthrow of Gaddafi and the situation in Libya. To what degree did the total destabilization of Libya and the -- Libya is now, in essence, a failed state -- have an impact on the growth of extremism and terrorist groups in other parts of Africa?

**MARK FANCHER:** Oh, it had a huge impact. And if you look at the infamous emails of Hillary Clinton, which are available at the State Department's website, you see an email exchange where State Department personnel are talking very frankly about their conversations with Sarkozy about his interest in overthrowing Gaddafi because he wanted two things. One, he wanted to eliminate the threat of a pan-African currency, gold-backed currency, that Gaddafi wanted to establish, because he was afraid that it would devalue the franc. And he also wanted access to Gaddafi and Libya's oil fields. That was the bottom line for why they went after Gaddafi in the way that they did.

And in order to do it, AFRICOM stepped in and played a major role in recruiting local forces

within Libya to attack Gaddafi. They chose to establish relationships with some of the worst elements in Libya. In fact, one of the groups that they established a relationship with was one which, by its very name, said that its mission was to eliminate black people from Libya. And so they gave guns, heavy artillery, to all kinds of people in Libya, with the hope and expectation that they would, you know, carry out this overthrow of the Libyan government and assassinate Gaddafi. That played itself out, but those weapons were still there. And --

**AMY GOODMAN:** Professor Horace Campbell, we just have 30 seconds. Your final comment in talking about what's happened in this latest attack in Niger -- also five Nigeriens were killed -- not to mention what happened in Somalia with over 358 dead?

**HORACE CAMPBELL:** I want to follow up on the point about what happened in Libya and why the progressive forces must continue to press for a United Nations investigation in what happened in Libya. I spelled all this out in my book, *Global NATO and the Catastrophic Failure in Libya*.

What is happening in Niger is a continuation of what happened in Libya. France is in deep crisis. France is over -- has taken over as undersecretary of peacekeeping forces in the United Nations. France tried to put a resolution through the United Nations Security Council to get more money for France in Niger, in Chad, in Mali and Burkina Faso.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Horace Campbell, we're going to have to leave it there, and Mark Fancher, as well, but we'll do Part 2 and post it online at [democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org).

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Ralph Nader set up a consumer organization with young lawyers and researchers (often called "Nader's Raiders") who produced systematic exposés of industrial hazards, pollution, unsafe products, and governmental neglect of consumer safety laws.

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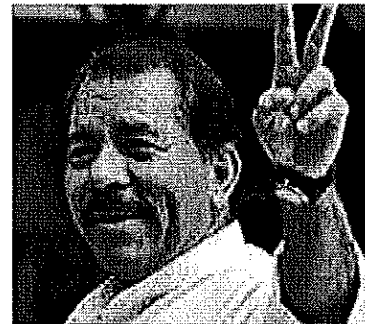
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Nader is widely recognized as the founder of the consumer rights movement.

He played a key role in the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Freedom of Information Act, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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Ralph Nader (front and center)



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### **Conservative Website First Funded Anti-Trump Research by Firm That Later Produced Dossier**

By KENNETH P. VOGEL and MAGGIE HABERMAN

The Washington Free Beacon, a website funded by a major G.O.P. donor, initially retained the firm that later conducted opposition research for Democrats.

## **House Passes Budget Blueprint, Clearing Path for Tax Overhaul**

By JIM TANKERSLEY and THOMAS KAPLAN

House Republicans are planning to release their tax bill next week, and the budget measure will allow the overhaul to pass Congress without any Democratic votes.

## **As G.O.P. Bends Toward Trump, Critics Either Give In or Give Up**

By JONATHAN MARTIN and JEREMY W. PETERS

President Trump has vocal critics, but the Republican Party is increasingly his own, with little room left for an older breed of internationalist conservative.

## **Limit on 401(k) Savings? It's About Paying for Tax Cuts**

By PATRICIA COHEN

"This is not a retirement security story," a tax expert says. It's about finding revenue to pay for reductions in business taxes sooner rather than later.

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**From:** Jedith

**Subject:** Voices, The Peoples News

- Congressional Republicans are feeling enormous pressure to deliver a win on tax reform before Christmas Day. After a humiliating defeat on ObamaCare repeal, GOP leaders are desperate for their first major legislative victory of 2017 and are doubling down on their ambitious timeline to overhaul the U.S. tax code. <http://thehill.com/homenews/senate/357590-gop-plans-tax-blitzkrieg>
- Ivanka Trump's Child Tax Credit Is a Ploy to Pass Tax Cuts for the Rich. It's disguised in a tax package that would amount to a \$1.1 billion windfall for her and her siblings. <https://www.alternet.org/news-amp-politics/ivanka-trumps-child-tax-credit-ploy-pass-tax-cuts-rich?akid=16282.2542549.ytcvyf&rd=D1&src=newsletter1084456&t=24>
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- Mattis: North Korea Threat Is 'Accelerating': The U.S. defense secretary warns Pyongyang to expect a "massive military response" to any nuclear weapons use. <https://www.thedailybeast.com/mattis-north-korea-threat-is-accelerating>
- Worried Trump Will Strike North Korea, Democrats Pitch Bill To Slow Him Down. They want to require congressional approval before Trump could call for a nuclear or conventional attack.  
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**From:** Patricia Dungy; Susan Lohwater & Tom Steyer

**Subject:** Need to Impeach website with 600k signatures (and counting)

FYI: <https://www.needtoimpeach.com/#media-cta>

Last week, I, Tom Steyer asked the American people to join me in calling on Congress to impeach President Trump -- and the response so far has been overwhelming. *Thank you for being among the first to join this movement.*

Trump is totally unfit for office -- he's already committed impeachable offenses, not to mention that he poses a danger to our democracy, our Constitution, and our lives. And you know what? Over 600,000 of our fellow Americans (and counting!) have joined our movement.

Our goal is to get one million signatures to force Congress to take action. You've already signed our petition -- **now, will you share it with your friends and family and help us reach our goal?**

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Trump's idea of a president is one who insults Gold Star families, empowers white supremacy, undercuts voting rights, and attacks the free press.

Enough is enough. It's past time for lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to admit the truth -- our president is unhinged and must be removed from office. But even too

many Democratic members of Congress are afraid to take this necessary measure. They need to hear our voices and see the strength of our movement if we want them to do what's right.

It's time to impeach Donald Trump. You've taken the first step, now please help us get to a million signatures by sharing our petition on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, or by sharing this link directly with your friends and family:

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**From:** Senator Bernie Sanders

**Subject:** Destructive, obscene, and immoral

This summer, I went on the road with MoveOn to help defeat the Republican "health care" bill that would have thrown as many as 32 million Americans off of the health insurance that they currently have.

Now, Donald Trump and the Republican leadership in Congress are back at it. This time, they're trying to push through one of the most horrific and destructive budget and tax proposals in the history of our country.

**This budget would do incalculable harm to tens of millions of working families, women, kids, the sick, the elderly, and the poor.**

It cuts Medicaid by more than \$1 trillion over 10 years—which would throw some 15 million Americans off of their health insurance. Further, this budget does what the Republicans did not attempt in their previous health care legislation: It attacks senior citizens by proposing a \$473 billion cut to Medicare. This Republican budget also makes enormous cuts to education, nutrition, affordable housing and transportation.

Meanwhile, while decimating life and death programs for working families, the Republican budget provides \$1.9 trillion in tax breaks for the richest people in our country and the largest corporations. In fact, about 80 percent of the Republican tax breaks would go to the top 1 percent and 40 percent to the top 1/10 of 1 percent.

**This Republican plan is not just unfair, it is morally obscene.** Fighting against it is one of the most important battles that I have ever waged. But I won't be able to defeat this moral travesty alone. To defeat Republican tax cuts under Trump, we will need a movement as big and powerful as the one that defeated Trumpcare.

**That's why I'm asking you, Munsup: Can you chip in monthly to help MoveOn build a movement to fight against Republican tax giveaways to the billionaire class—and to save health care for tens of millions of Americans?**

***Your monthly gift will help MoveOn stop destructive, obscene, and immoral GOP budget and tax proposals—this year, and as long as these attacks continue.*** Donate monthly or make a one-time gift

Wealth and income inequality is the great moral, economic, and political issue of our time. The wealthiest Americans—the top 1/10 of 1 percent—own almost as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent. Unbelievably, the GOP plan would make matters even worse.

Republicans want to eliminate the estate tax, which only applies to estates larger than \$5.45 million. They want to massively reduce taxes for corporations. And they want to create an enormous loophole for businesses like Trump's. *The New York Times* estimates that Trump himself would get a \$1.1 billion tax break from his own plan! How crazy is that!

We can stop this scheme—just like we stopped the series of attacks on health care—with grassroots energy, steadfast innovation, and total determination. MoveOn members like you, Munsup, can make the difference in defeating this awful proposal—just like you made the difference in the fight against Trumpcare. We need you, because this fight will require serious resources.

With your help, MoveOn can organize constituents across the country to make nonstop waves of phone calls, join rallies and protests, and raise their voices online in ways that Republican lawmakers won't be able to ignore.

**Can you chip in monthly and join the fight?**

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Now is the time to demand tax reform that benefits working families and the middle class, not legislation that makes the very rich even richer.

This is the fight of a lifetime. As the ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee and as an American, I believe that I have a moral obligation to fight against this giveaway to the billionaire class that will come at the expense of everyday folks. And I honestly believe that with your help, we can prevail.

**Want to support our work?** The MoveOn community will work every moment, day by day and year by year, to resist Trump's agenda, contain the damage, defeat hate

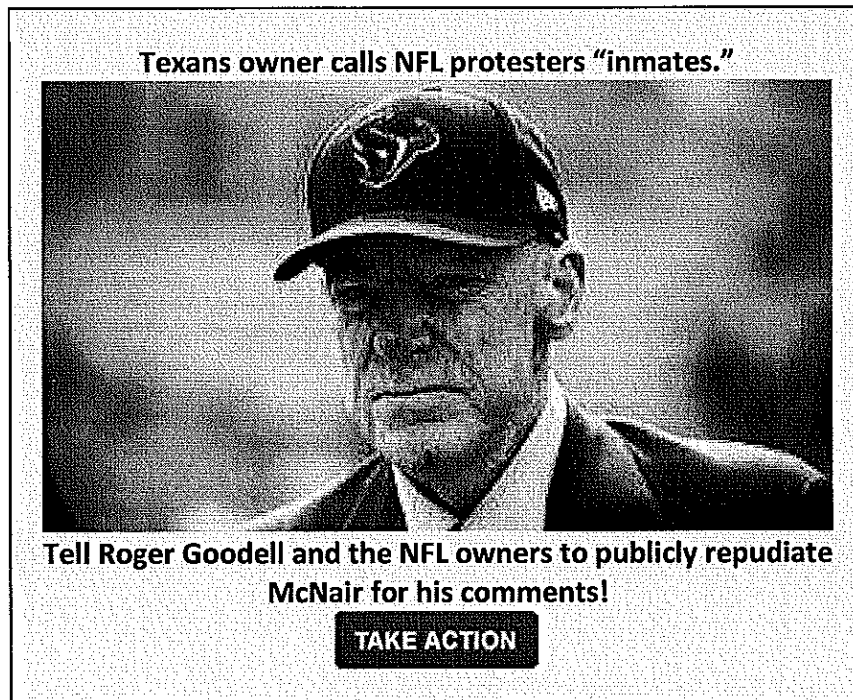
with love, and begin the process of swinging the nation's pendulum back toward sanity, decency, and the kind of future that we must never give up on. And to do it we need your ongoing support, now more than ever. **Will you stand with us?** Donate monthly or make a one-time gift

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**From:** Brandi, Rashad, Arisha, Johnny, Evan, Jade, Chad, Corina, the rest of the Color Of Change team



**Subject:** Texans owner on NFL protests: "We can't have inmates running the prison"

While Roger Goodell and the NFL owners have been doing their best to be seen in public engaging with protesting players, **behind closed doors it's clear that Goodell and the owners are working hard to silence the players and their efforts at criminal justice reform.**

A new report revealed today that, at the recent NFL owners meeting, **Texans owner Bob McNair said of the protesting players "we can't have inmates**

**running the prison.”<sup>1</sup> To refer to the players as inmates reveals how the owners really feel about this situation - that Black men belong under the thumb of white owners. McNair’s comments are so offensive, star wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins walked out of practice once he heard them.<sup>2</sup> Now the whole team is planning to take a unified action against the team’s owner.**

McNair’s comments and the league’s silence on them makes it hard to believe that they are acting in good faith in their negotiations with the protesting players. **Roger Goodell and the NFL owners need to immediately repudiate McNair for his offensive comments.**

**NFL players are not “inmates.” Tell Roger Goodell and the NFL owners to publicly repudiate McNair’s comments!**

Additionally, the same report that revealed McNair’s comments noted that Dallas owner Jerry Jones and Washington owner Daniel Snyder were openly angry with San Francisco 49ers owner Jed York for not punishing Colin Kaepernick when he first kneeled last year. Despite the owners disdain for Kaepernick, he will be sitting across from them at next week’s meeting between the players and owners. If those inside the NFL with power - from owners to leadership - don’t use this as a moment to push for real reforms than they are doing nothing more than enabling and supporting racism and discrimination.

We know that comments like these have a chilling effect on athletes right to protest - and not just in the NFL. Every time we’ve seen Trump, NFL owners, or powerful media figures attack players who protest, we see a wave of parents, coaches, local police, lawmakers, and school administrators lash out at young athletes who protest.<sup>4 5</sup> **Which why it is critical for Roger Goodell and the NFL owners pick a side and choose to loudly condemn these comments.**

**NFL players are not “inmates.” Tell Roger Goodell and the NFL owners to publicly repudiate McNair’s comments!**

It is no small thing that so many athletes have spoken out and used their bodies to express the desire to see a long overdue national dialogue on justice, dignity, and accountability in our country. **And it is frankly alarming that instead of welcoming that dialogue, NFL owners continue to band together to chill free speech and send a message that speaking out against government sanctioned violence is a career killer.** That 70% of NFL players are Black and yet the NFL has no Black people who are a majority owner of a team and no Black CEOs or Presidents, creates a disturbing power imbalance.

**Despite that, these athletes continue to put themselves in harm’s way by taking action every game.** History continues to teach us that their courage likely comes at risk of financial and professional repercussions, public ostracism, and numerous death threats to them and their loved ones. We’ve said it before and we say it again: **when those that have a public platform, use that platform to speak truth to power, we need to have their backs.**

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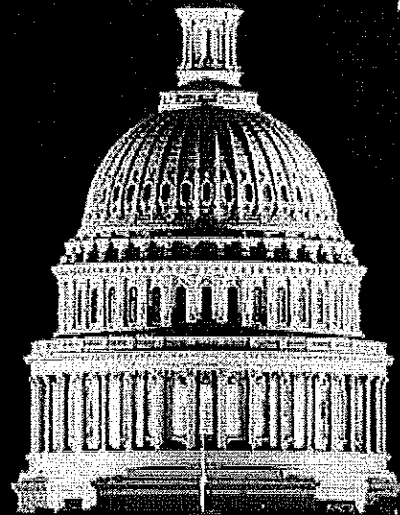
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## **All Hands on Deck in Virginia**

Election Day in Virginia is next week, and these races have massive national consequences. PFAW has been hard at work to make sure that our constitutional values and progressive resistance to Trumpism prevail in this election. A progressive victory will be a strong referendum on the bigoted and racist tactics that Virginia Republicans have been pulling straight out of the Trump playbook. Virginia's gubernatorial and down-ticket races have national consequences for another reason: fixing the consequences of extreme right-wing gerrymandering in this crucial swing state.

We've invested heavily in promoting a slate of dynamic young progressive candidates with our Next Up Victory Fund and, with your support, Virginia PFAW members have been knocking on doors; our members in Virginia *and* across the country have been reaching Virginia voters by phone; our powerful *Latinos Vote!* TV ads have provided some of the only Spanish-language push back against the Republican campaign's demonizing attacks on Latinos; we're reaching progressive voters online with highly targeted GOTV messages; we've been plugging in celebrities and national progressive leaders; and more.

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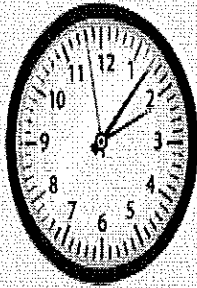


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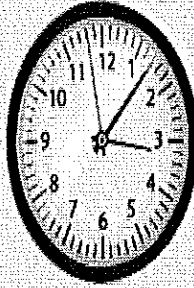
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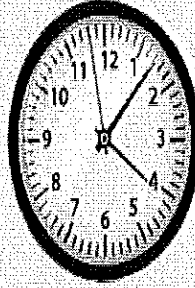
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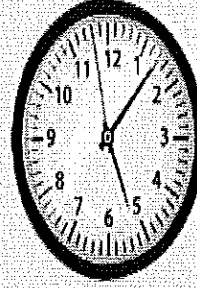
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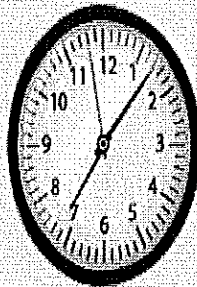
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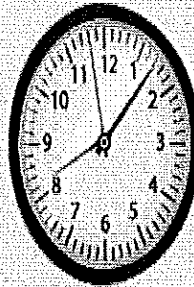
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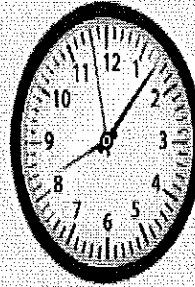
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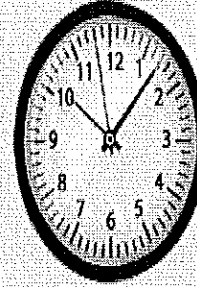
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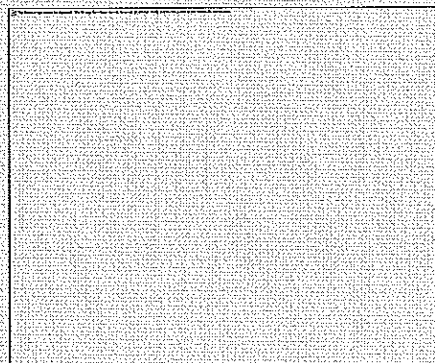
State leaders have been cautious with spending and projecting revenues for the past few years, and 2018 will probably follow the same pattern.

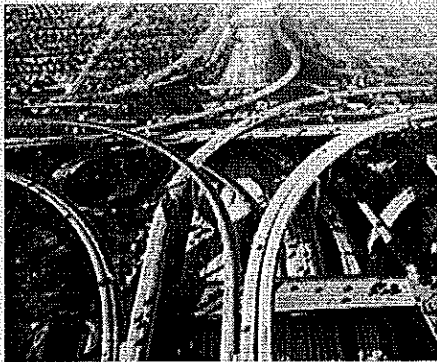
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## It's Time to Think Beyond the K-12 Pipeline

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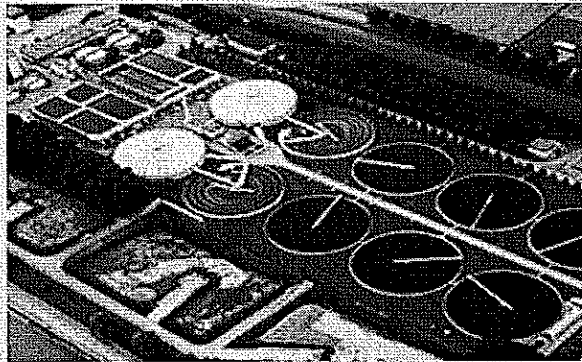
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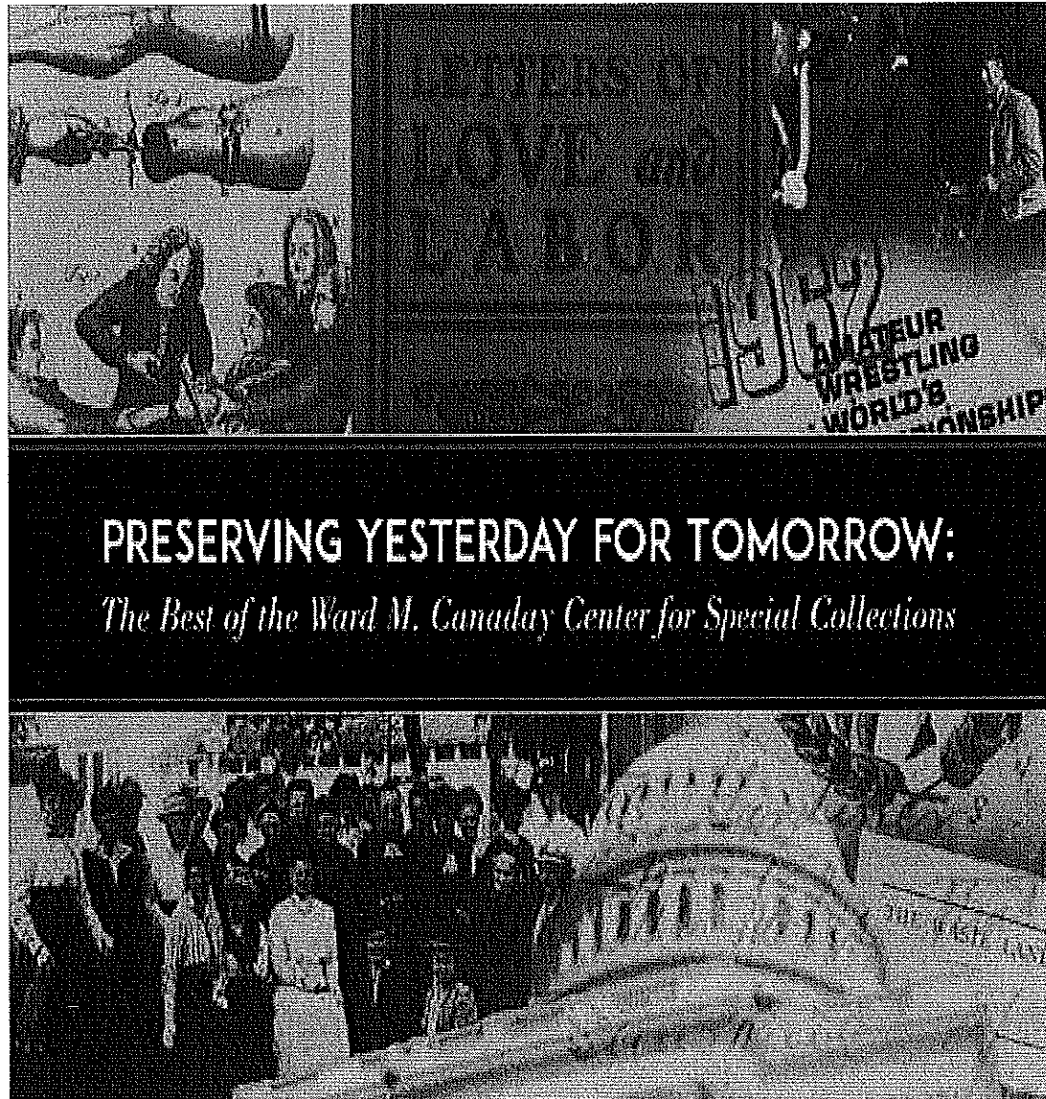
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### Looking back

Vintage entertainment posters, classic Toledo Zoo programs, a first edition of Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" from 1885, and pieces from early Rocky the Rocket mascot costumes are among the items on display in the exhibit titled "Preserving Yesterday for Tomorrow: The Best of the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections." [Read about](#) the free exhibition on display through July 27.



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## Research News

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Three researchers elected Fellows of American Association for the Advancement of Science

Three University of Toledo researchers have been named Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in recognition of their important contributions to scientific discovery.

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## Campus News

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Engineering alumna begins full-time career with Microsoft

Courtney Greer wanted to be part of the computer revolution.  
"Computers are all around us."

UT, BGSU sign foreign language course exchange agreement

The University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University have announced a collaboration in foreign language education that will expand opportunities for students at both universities, while saving resources by reducing duplicative academic programs.

Time announced for UT-Western Michigan Nov. 24 game; Rockets can clinch MAC Championship berth with win

Kickoff for Toledo's football game vs. Western Michigan Friday, Nov. 24, has been set for 11:30 a.m. on ESPNU.

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How the House GOP tax bill could affect higher education

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UT faculty elect fellows of American Association for the Advancement of Science

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University of Toledo president concerned tax bill would hike college costs

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NW Ohio inventor who landed a deal on Shark Tank comes back to where it all began

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Scott Molitor on program outcomes for individuals with autism spectrum disorder

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Budding entrepreneurs compete in Pitch & Pour competition at University of Toledo

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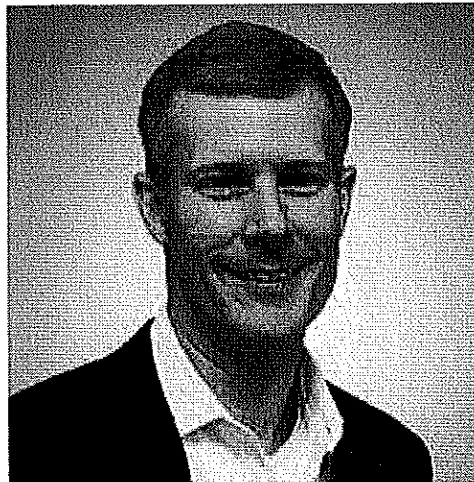
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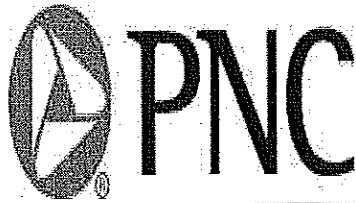
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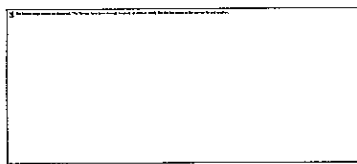
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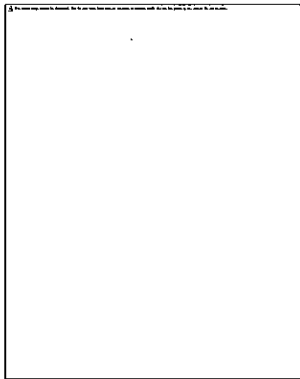
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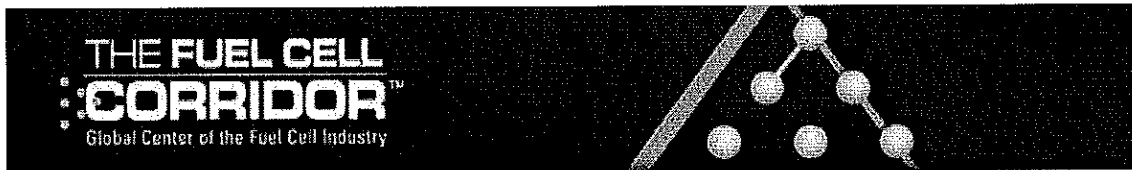
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## **Ballard announces narrowed focus and further cost reductions at Protonex subsidiary Gasworld**

As a result of its strategic review in 2017, Ballard Power Systems has implemented certain changes at its subsidiary Protonex, including to narrow and sharpen the focus of its business by divesting certain non-core assets. This divestiture is expected to yield annualised cost savings of \$1.4m per year. This action is in addition to steps taken in August 2017 to reduce and align the Protonex cost base, a press release explained. Together, these actions are expected to yield annualised cost savings of \$2.6m, better positioning Protonex to deliver future profitability.

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## **What is the Future of Hydrogen Technology? [Interview] Ballard**

Here at Ballard, we are committed to bringing you the thoughts and voices of leading experts in the hydrogen technology space. A special topic of interest is hydrogen distribution, which is an essential element in the successful adoption of zero-emission fuel cells. Recently, Ballard hosted the Fuel Cell Electric Bus Conference Event in Copenhagen, Denmark in partnership with Nel Hydrogen, Hydrogen Valley, the Danish Hydrogen Association, and Solaris Bus & Coach. After the event, we had the opportunity to sit down with Jacob Krogsgaard, Head of Nel Hydrogen Solutions to discuss Nel's role in the current growth and future of hydrogen technology.

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## **Toyota boosting efforts to develop fuel cell buses Nikkei Asian Review**

TOKYO -- Toyota Motor is accelerating its efforts to develop buses and commercial trucks that run on fuel cells, in a push for popularizing the environment-friendly technology despite a global shift toward electricity. Toyota plans to launch such carbon dioxide-free -- at least on the road -- vehicles mainly in Tokyo next year. Fuel cell vehicles are still better placed than electric vehicles in terms of charging time and longer driving range. At the Tokyo Motor Show in October, Toyota showcased its Sora fuel cell concept bus. The bus uses the Toyota Fuel Cell System, originally developed for the Toyota Mirai fuel cell sedan, to improve its eco-friendliness.

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## **New hydrogen fuel bus revealed in Central China**

### **Hydrogen Fuel News**

A new hydrogen-powered bus has been unveiled in Central China. The bus comes from the aptly named Wuhan Tiger Fuel Cell Vehicle Co. and will be operating in the City of Wuhan. The vehicle is equipped with new technology that allows it to intelligently detect any malfunctions it may be experiencing. The bus is just one of several new hydrogen-powered vehicles that are coming to China. Several Chinese cities are beginning to invest in making their public transit systems more environmentally friendly. In some cases, this involves tapping into hydrogen fuel.

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## **Kenworth set to debut hydrogen prototype T680**

### **CCJ Digital**

Kenworth will debut its hydrogen fuel cell T680 at the 2018 Consumer Electronics Show (CES) next week in Las Vegas, a show normally reserved for connected technologies and artificial intelligence. This marks the first time Paccar has exhibited at that show, which draws close to 200,000 visitors. The truck-maker will share the floor with the likes of Amazon, Samsung and Google.

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## **Japanese Automakers Fight for Hydrogen Fuel Cells**

### **Energy & Capital**

Several North American and European auto manufacturers are betting the electric vehicle revolution will be led by the further development of lithium-ion batteries. Tesla is the obvious leader in battery electric vehicles (BEV). But Chevy and Ford are among others focusing on BEVs. Japanese carmakers, on the other hand, seem to have a different idea. They're wagering on hydrogen fuel cells. Over the past several years, Japanese carmakers Toyota, Honda, Hyundai, Mitsubishi, and Nissan have all successfully developed and introduced fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV).

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## **Hydrail comes of age**

### **Rail Engineer**

Hydrail, the term coined for hydrogen-powered trains, started to become well known when the first annual international hydrail conference was held in North Carolina in 2005. While the first conference was largely an academic affair, by the time the 2017 hydrail conference was held in Graz, Austria, most of the speakers were from hydrail related businesses, a sure sign that the technology has come of age. Visitors to InnoTrans in 2016 were provided with definitive evidence that hydrail is now a viable technology as Alstom launched its hydrogen powered Coradia iLint train.

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## **Study boosts hope for cheaper fuel cells**

### **Science Daily**

Nitrogen-doped carbon nanotubes or modified graphene nanoribbons may be suitable replacements for platinum for fast oxygen reduction, the key reaction in fuel cells that transform chemical energy into electricity, according to Rice University researchers. The findings are from computer simulations by Rice scientists who set out to see how carbon nanomaterials can be improved for fuel-cell cathodes. Their study reveals the atom-level mechanisms by which doped nanomaterials catalyze oxygen reduction reactions (ORR).

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## **Researchers use Paper to build effective Microbial Fuel Cells**

### **Coherent News**

Researchers at the University of Rochester have developed an electrode using a common household material-paper, according to an article published in ACS Energy Letters in February 2017. Microbial fuel cells use bacteria to generate electrical current, however, turning this has been a long process. Microbial fuel cells, or MFCs, hold potential applications, although they need to be cheaper and more efficient. Most electrodes used in wastewater are made up of metal or carbon felt, due to which they corrode easily. Although carbon felt is a less expensive alternative, it is porous and prone to clogging.

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## **Microbial Fuel Cells May Be the Future of Batteries for Wearables**

### **Engineering**

You can power your own wearable technology just by wearing it, playing host to a living battery. I'm talking about microbes. The human body already supports microbial and bacterial life, serving purposes like supporting your immune system. Researchers at Binghamton University, State University of New York argue that bacterial cells could also act as fuel cells for your wearable technology. "If we consider that humans possess more bacterial cells than human cells in their bodies, the direct use of bacterial cells as a power resource interdependently with the human body is conceivable for wearable electronics," said Seokheun Choi, electrical and computer science assistant professor at Binghamton University.

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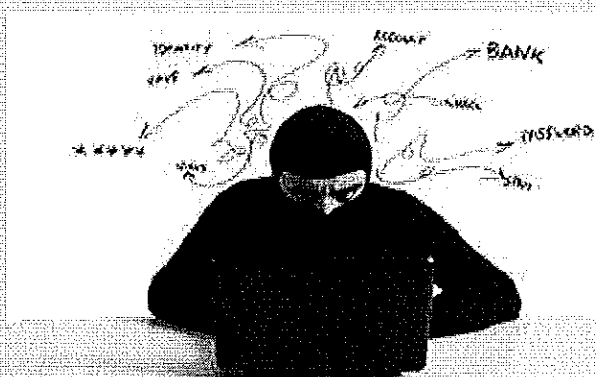
On January 10, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce urged the Senate during testimony to heed Senate President Larry Obhof's earlier commitment to vote in January on legislation addressing Ohio's energy efficiency mandates. Read more by [clicking here](#).

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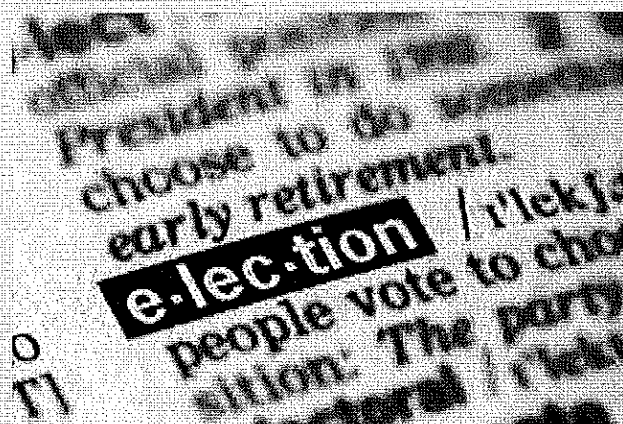


### **We're All for Providing Information**

Be sure to read our latest blog posts on [allforohio.com](http://allforohio.com) for additional information that is of interest to Ohio Chamber members. Here are our blog posts from the past week:



On January 10, the Ohio Chamber testified in support of Senate Bill 220 a bill that would grant businesses who institute cybersecurity programs with legal protections if a data breach were to occur. [Read more.](#)



2018 is a big election year for our state with all of the statewide offices and key Ohio Supreme Court seats on the ballot. For the 2018 Ohio election key dates, [click here.](#)

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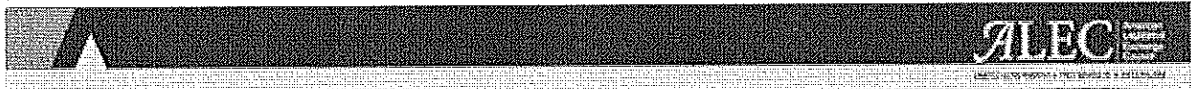
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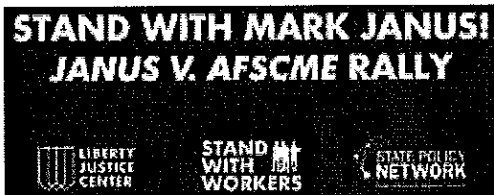


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## Labor Focus

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### **Learn More About "Dues Skimming"**

State Policy Network



State governments take an estimated \$250 million from Medicaid, Child Care and Development Fund, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients and give that money to Unions. Learn more about "dues skimming" from the State Policy Network

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## Expert Opinion

### **Businesses Face Challenges With Impending Wage Hikes**

Robert Ordway | Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development



As Americans look to an exciting new year and politcos start gearing up for mid-term elections, 18 states along with 19 localities will be raising their minimum wage. When wages rise arbitrarily for employees but skill sets do not increase proportionately, employers will either reduce their workforces in people or hours, raise prices on customers or just go out of business altogether. Regardless of the option chosen, the entry level worker will feel the negative effects most.

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## Economic Liberty

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## Dick Carpenter Discusses Occupational Licensing

Russ Roberts | *EconTalk*

# ECON TALK

Dick Carpenter of the Institute for Justice and author of *Bottlenecks* talks with *EconTalk* host Russ Roberts about his book--a look at how occupational licensing and other regulations protect existing job holders from competition.

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## Right to Work Update

### Kentucky Challenge to Right to Work Dismissed

*The Associated Press*



In a legal victory for Kentucky's Republican governor, a judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by organized labor leaders who challenged the state's right-to-work law. Governor Matt Bevin said Wednesday that the judge's ruling confirms the right-to-work law is on solid legal ground and the legal challenge was "appropriately smacked down."

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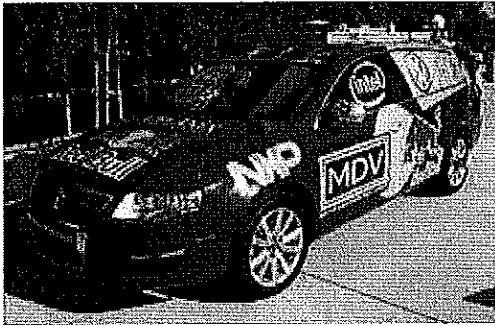
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## Transportation Focus

### States Embrace the Benefits of Autonomous Vehicles

Sara Friedman | *GCN*



With officials in Colorado and at the University of Michigan planning to put autonomous shuttles on the roads this year, state and local agencies across the country are working with industry to establish policies and regulations. An understanding of the technology can help municipalities make decisions for their long-term planning purposes.

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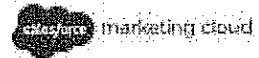


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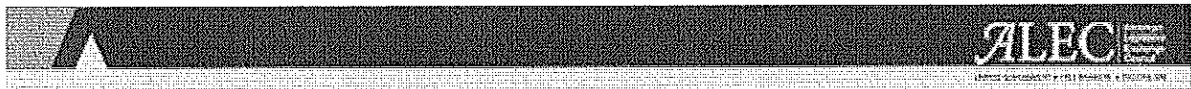
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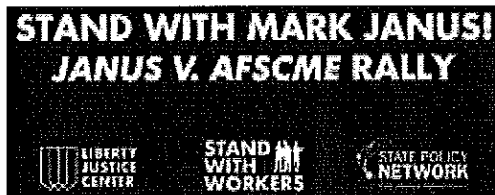
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Criminal Justice Reform

**ALEC Signs Letter in Support of Alabama's Juvenile Justice Task Force Recommendations**

Lacey White | American Legislative Exchange Council



On Thursday, January 25, the American Legislative Exchange Council signed a letter in support of the recommendations recently finalized and released by the Alabama Juvenile Justice Task Force. The recommendations made are both cost-effective and productive, while simultaneously improving public safety.

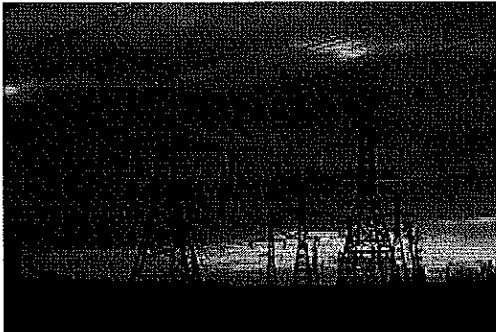
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## Energy and Infrastructure

### **Protecting Everyday Life Means Protecting America's Infrastructure**

Grant Kidwell | Energy, Environment and Agriculture



This winter Americans have seen the importance of well-working infrastructure as much of the country has faced freezing temperatures. But it's not always Mother Nature that strains and damages our nation's infrastructure; sometimes, it's human influence.

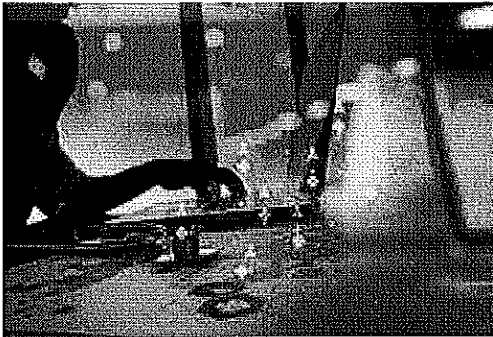
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## Healthcare

### **The Amazon Experiment**

Brooklyn Roberts | Health and Human Services



Earlier this week, Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JP Morgan Chase announced a new venture into the healthcare arena. Free markets have historically been the source of the most efficient and cost-effective solutions to problems—regardless of the industry. Experimentation in the private sector is a big step toward improvement.

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## ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

### **Honoring Blue-Collar Roots and Protecting Taxpayers**

Representative Ryan Warner | PA-52



This week, ALEC and FreedomWorks introduce **Pennsylvania State Representative Ryan Warner**. Warner is a down-to-earth legislator who enjoys rebuilding late-model Ford F-150s in his free time. An outspoken advocate of economic development, Warner sees one of his greatest challenges as "working to change the economy of our region from one that was based on steel and coal and expanding it to more diverse industries."

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## State of the States Analysis

### **ALEC Analyzes State of the State Addresses**

ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform



The Center for State Fiscal Reform has been authoring analyses of the State of the State addresses from across the nation. The center is focused on highlighting both strong and weak tax policies outlined in the speeches, and their effects on the specific states. New this week are articles for the [South Dakota](#), [West Virginia](#), [Idaho](#) and [Florida](#) addresses. You can view all the entries by clicking below.

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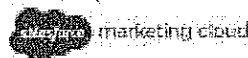


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this week from six institutions

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have Merit pages with  
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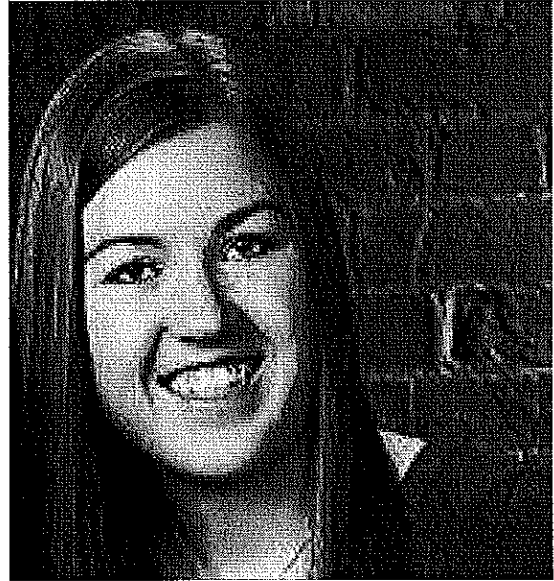
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### Elyse Dye

was recognized for an accomplishment

With much hard work and determination, Elyse Dye of Canton, graduated from The University of Akron! In all, the 1,259 candidates from 23 states and 25 countries earned 44 doctoral degrees; 22 juris...

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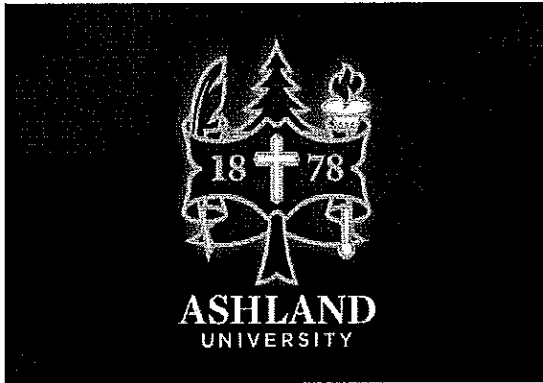
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## THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

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Moriah Sprit, Rebekah Merkle, Eric Bueno, and 161 others were recognized for accomplishments at The University of Akron.

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## **ASHLAND UNIVERSITY**

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John Davies, Julie Worley, Brittany Moore, and 8 others were recognized for accomplishments at Ashland University.

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## **WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY**

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Samantha DiGiacomo, Taryn Smith, Ryan Mallette, and 1 other were recognized for accomplishments at Wittenberg University.

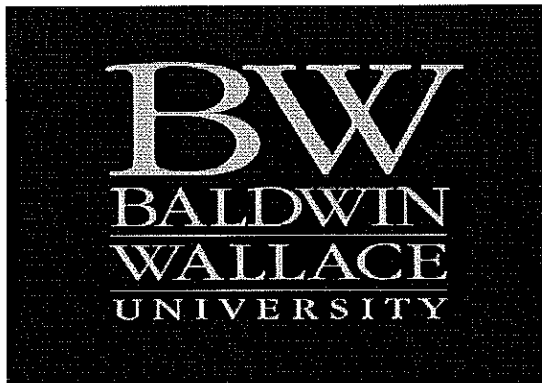
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## **UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON**

James Haupt and Robert Hammontree were recognized for accomplishments at University of Dayton.

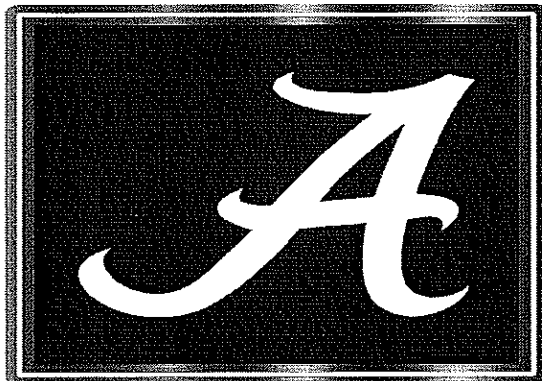
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## **BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY**

Victoria Farley and Alexandra Kesic were recognized for accomplishments at Baldwin Wallace University.

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## THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Avery Wood and Merin Wood were  
recognized for accomplishments at The  
University of Alabama.

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## SENATE ACTIVITY REPORT

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**SB 105**

**MONTH DESIGNATION (Tavares, C.)**

To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month."

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**SB 226**

**TAX HOLIDAY (Bacon, K.)**

To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax.

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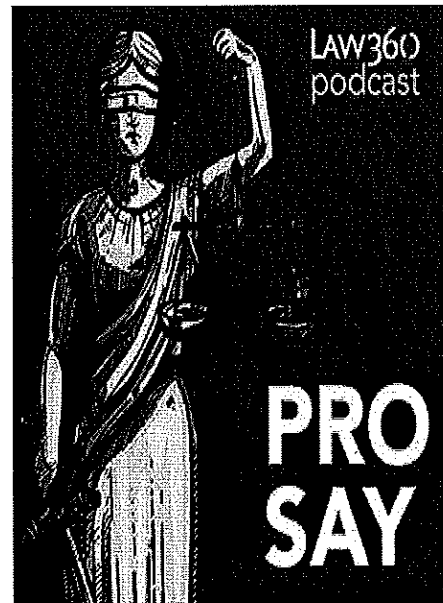
House and Senate leaders have reached an agreement Wednesday on federal spending for the next six months, kicking off a race to keep the government open ahead of a Friday funding deadline. [Read more »](#)

### **Skadden Atty Faces Few Questions In Bid For Posner's Seat**

Skadden partner Michael Y. Scudder Jr. and U.S. District Judge Amy J. St. Eve sailed through their confirmation hearing Wednesday for two Seventh Circuit spots, including one vacated by Richard Posner, answering questions from a handful of senators on the Senate Judiciary Committee. [Read more »](#)

### **US Poised To Strike Back At China For IP Malfeasance**

President Donald Trump on Thursday will unveil new trade restrictions against China in light of "strong evidence" the administration has uncovered regarding Beijing's flouting of U.S. companies' intellectual property rights, the White House announced on Wednesday. [Read more »](#)



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## **Trump Dodges Watchdog's Suit Over Record-Keeping**

A Washington, D.C., federal judge on Tuesday tossed a watchdog group's lawsuit claiming President Donald Trump and his staff are failing to preserve statutorily mandated records through their use of messaging apps and social media, finding that the president is allowed to use his discretion in preserving records. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

## **High Court Criminal Tax Ruling Leaves Some Leeway For Feds**

A commanding majority on the U.S. Supreme Court bench refused to grant federal prosecutors a wider berth in trying allegedly criminal tax behavior, but the court's interpretation of a tax felony statute may still be vague enough to lead to convictions for lesser violations. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

## **Rollback Of Obama NLRB's Legacy Hits Speed Bump**

Allegations that National Labor Relations Board members are biased against unions or employers are nothing new and usually don't gain much traction, but the recent withdrawal of a landmark ruling because of perceived conflicts stemming from NLRB member Bill Emanuel's BigLaw background shows that such concerns may hamper the Trump NLRB's efforts to undo President Barack Obama's pro-labor legacy, experts say. [Read more »](#)

## **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL**

### **Chevron Concedes Climate Change, But Not Blame In SF Suit**

The California federal judge overseeing allegations that oil companies are liable for San Francisco and Oakland's global warming-related infrastructure costs heard a five-hour tutorial on climate science Wednesday, with both sides agreeing human activity contributes

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Skadden  
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Taylor Wessing  
Troutman Sanders

to global warming, while an attorney for Chevron said a handful of companies shouldn't take the heat. [Read more »](#)

### **Enviros Say They'll Sue Feds Over Inaction On Pesticide**

The Center for Biological Diversity sent a notice Tuesday informing two federal agencies that it intended to sue, alleging they aren't analyzing and moving to limit the impact of a common pesticide despite information that says it likely harms many protected species. [Read more »](#)

## **HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES**

### **House Passes 'Right To Try' Experimental Treatments Bill**

The House of Representatives passed a bill that would expand the "right to try" experimental treatments under current U.S. Food and Drug Administration rules Wednesday, as backers claim the measure may help save the lives of people with no other option. [Read more »](#)

## **MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT**

### **Trump Dossier Author Can Be Deposed In BuzzFeed Libel Suit**

A judge in England on Wednesday ordered former British spy Christopher Steele to answer questions regarding a dossier he compiled containing allegations Russia has compromising information on President Donald Trump, saying he can give limited testimony in a Russian billionaire's defamation suit against BuzzFeed in the United States. [Read more »](#)

### **Name Of Ex-US Atty In Affair Should Stay Private, DOJ Says**

The Manhattan U.S. Attorney's Office cited privacy concerns Wednesday in telling a judge that it should not be compelled to reveal the name of a retired U.S. attorney who engaged in a romantic relationship with a subordinate,

White and Williams

## **COMPANIES**

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Instagram Inc.

International Union of Painters and Allied Trades

Lambda Legal Defense & Educational Fund

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Los Angeles Lakers

Lyft Inc.

Major League Baseball Inc.

Major League Baseball Players Association

after a news organization sued claiming the public has a right to know. [Read more »](#)

## EMPLOYMENT

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### Analysis

#### **Potential Minor League Wage Exemption Raises Eyebrows**

Congress may step in this week to put an end to Minor League Baseball players' wage-and-hour claims against Major League Baseball, but the timing of such legislation, which has been unsuccessful in the past, is raising some eyebrows. [Read more »](#)

#### **House Dems Want DOL To Pull Tip Rule Over Missing Analysis**

Democrats on the U.S. House of Representatives work committee called on the U.S. Department of Labor to rescind its plan to let businesses redistribute some tipped workers' tips, following a report on Wednesday that the agency suppressed data showing the proposal would let businesses take \$640 million from workers. [Read more »](#)

### Analysis

#### **NJ Arbitration Measure On 'Collision Course' With Fed. Law**

Pending legislation in New Jersey aimed at banning nondisclosure agreements in cases of discrimination, retaliation or harassment also would preclude arbitration agreements in employment contracts, a move some attorneys and law professors said would run afoul of federal law and U.S. Supreme Court precedent that prohibit state efforts to forbid arbitration. [Read more »](#)

## CYBERSECURITY & PRIVACY

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#### **Sens. OK Bill Altering Websites' Liability For User Posts**

The Senate on Wednesday passed a bill changing websites' liability shield for content that users post, allowing for law enforcement to

Microsoft Corporation  
Minor League Baseball  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Basketball Association  
National Hockey League  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
New Jersey Civil Justice Institute  
New York State Bar Association  
New York University  
Regents of the University of California  
San Francisco Bar Association  
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Temple University  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.  
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia  
Federal Trade Commission  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Food and Drug Administration

go after sites that allegedly serve as platforms for sex trafficking and prostitution. Read more »

### **OPM's Post-Breach Security Efforts Worry Lawmakers**

House lawmakers expressed concern Tuesday that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management is still struggling to modernize its aging information technology systems three years after a sweeping breach compromised personal data belonging to tens of millions of people. Read more »

### **MEDICAL MALPRACTICE**

#### **NC Panel Says School Board Immune From Negligence Claims**

A North Carolina appeals court has ruled that a state board designated to hear negligence cases involving school buses does not have jurisdiction over claims made against school board officials by a man whose child was struck and killed while catching her bus. Read more »

### **AEROSPACE & DEFENSE**

#### **US Must Disclose Docs To Defend Transgender Military Ban**

A Washington federal judge declined Tuesday to rethink her decision ordering the federal government to disclose all the information it may use to defend a ban on transgender military service members, deeming the administration's attempt to invoke executive privilege belated and its current disclosures insufficient. Read more »

#### **Full Fed. Circ. Won't Review VA's Agent Orange Policy Tweak**

A majority of Federal Circuit judges declined Wednesday to revisit a decision rejecting Vietnam War Navy veterans' challenge to a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs manual tweak instructing adjudicators to deny certain

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U.S. Office of Personnel Management  
U.S. Senate  
U.S. Supreme Court  
World Trade Organization

Agent Orange-related benefit claims, after a court panel previously ruled that it lacked jurisdiction. [Read more »](#)

### **GOP Rep. Wants Commission To Study Artificial Intelligence**

Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-N.Y., introduced legislation Wednesday to study the potential national security implications of artificial intelligence, saying the technology is likely in the future to "touch every aspect of our lives." [Read more »](#)

## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

### **US Allies May Earn Immediate Steel, Aluminum Tariff Relief**

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer indicated Wednesday that several close U.S. allies may earn immediate exemptions from the steel and aluminum tariffs set to take effect this week and that the U.S. aims to wrap up a permanent set of country-specific exclusions by the end of April. [Read more »](#)

### **US Trade Rep Digs In On NAFTA 'Sunset' Proposal**

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer on Wednesday vigorously defended his office's proposal to subject the North American Free Trade Agreement to potential termination every five years unless the parties agree to extend it, pushing back against lawmakers who said the idea creates uncertainty for U.S. exporters. [Read more »](#)

### **EU Proposes €5B Online Tax, Heightening Trade War Fears**

A new €5 billion (\$6.1 billion) levy put forward Wednesday by the European Union's executive arm would target the advertising, data and marketplace-based business models favored by digital giants such as Google LLC, Facebook Inc. and Airbnb Inc., but the

European Commission denied accusations that the tax was "anti-American." [Read more »](#)

### **Lighthizer Defends Skepticism Of NAFTA Arbitration To GOP**

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer told lawmakers on Wednesday that it's not the U.S. government's job to protect American companies investing abroad as he defended the Trump administration's skepticism of investor state arbitration in the North American Free Trade Agreement. [Read more »](#)

### **Groups Seek Ban On Imports From Mexico To Save Porpoise**

Conservation groups sued the federal government in the U.S. Court of International Trade on Wednesday, calling for a prohibition on seafood imported from Mexico when it's caught in a certain area with an all-encompassing net, saying the world's smallest, most endangered porpoise will be pushed to extinction without such a ban. [Read more »](#)

## **TAX**

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### **Omnibus Spending Bill Would Fix Tax Law's 'Grain Glitch'**

Congressional leaders on Wednesday unveiled an omnibus spending bill that would alter a provision of the recent tax overhaul legislation that lawmakers said was having adverse effects on the U.S. agriculture industry. [Read more »](#)

### **Feds Wrong To Underpay Utah County, Claims Court Finds**

The U.S. Department of the Interior must pay what it promises to pay even when Congress appropriates less funding, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims ruled Tuesday in siding with a Utah county government for payments in lieu of taxes. [Read more »](#)

## **IMMIGRATION**

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### **Trump Rips DOJ For Not Asking Justices To Hear DACA Case**

President Donald Trump slammed the U.S. Department of Justice on Twitter on Wednesday for failing to prod the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the appeal of rulings that allowed Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals participants to obtain driver's licenses in Arizona. [Read more »](#)

### **Immigration Authorities Sued Over 5-Year Green Card Delays**

Three refugees from Sri Lanka sued federal immigration authorities in New York federal court on Wednesday over their failure to process the immigrants' applications for permanent residency for almost five years, alleging that they have violated due process and the Administrative Procedure Act. [Read more »](#)

### **ACLU, Professors, Others Defend DACA Injunction At 9th Circ.**

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, history professors and others on Tuesday urged the Ninth Circuit not to reverse a California federal court's order temporarily barring the Trump administration from rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. [Read more »](#)

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

### **Charter Faces Fine, Possible NYC Ban Over Merger Breach**

New York state intends to fine Charter Communications Inc. \$1 million and investigate whether to revoke the cable giant's permission to do business in New York City for failing to fulfill promises to expand broadband service and pay full licensing fees. [Read more »](#)

### **Study FCC 5G Infrastructure Plan's Tribal Impact: Commish**

Thursday's anticipated FCC vote to streamline 5G infrastructure deployment should be



delayed until the agency can further assess how the proposal might hurt tribal lands and the environment, Commissioner Mignon Clyburn said Wednesday afternoon. [Read more »](#)

### **FCC's O'Rielly Slams 911 Fee Diversion By RI, Other States**

FCC Commissioner Michael O'Rielly blasted 911 fee "diversion" in a speech in Rhode Island this week, noting that the state shifts more than half the money collected for emergency call networks into its general funds, making it second only to New Jersey in terms of overall amount and percentage diverted. [Read more »](#)

## **RETAIL**

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### **Walmart, Other Cos. Can Sell Liquor In Texas, Judge Rules**

A Texas rule barring public corporations from owning liquor stores unconstitutionally discriminates against out-of-state retailers, a Texas federal judge held Tuesday in a ruling that paves the way for Walmart Inc. and other large retailers to begin selling liquor in the state. [Read more »](#)

## **EXPERT ANALYSIS**

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### **The Hatch Act And Political Speech By Federal Employees**

Kellyanne Conway brought national attention to a little-appreciated federal law, the Hatch Act, which prohibits a wide range of political conduct by federal employees in the executive branch. But the same statute that allows the Office of Special Counsel to prosecute these complaints has a carveout for certain presidential appointees, says Alan Kabat of Bernabei & Kabat PLLC. [Read more »](#)

### **TCPA Insurance Claim Issues Continue To Evolve**

Because Telephone Consumer Protection Act claims inherently exist at the nexus between

multiple lines of coverage, the landscape of TCPA insurance coverage law is complex. Recent questions include whether TCPA claims inherently arise from invasions of privacy and whether damages awarded are remedial or punitive, say Cort Malone and Nicholas Maxwell of Anderson Kill PC. [Read more »](#)

### **Foolishness Versus Fintech: Foolishness Wins Again**

A Colorado federal court's recent decision in *Meade v. Avant* strikes another blow against many financial technology firms by limiting the valid-when-made doctrine, which provides that a loan that is valid when it's made does not become invalid when it's sold or assigned to a third party, say Timothy Butler and Chelsea Lamb of Troutman Sanders LLP. [Read more »](#)

### **A Potentially Promising Future For Pa. Medical Marijuana**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health recently published new temporary regulations that will expand patient access to pharmaceutical-grade medical cannabis and enhance the state's nascent medical marijuana program. However, certain provisions could threaten the program's economic viability, say Daniel Clearfield and Peter Murphy of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC. [Read more »](#)

### **Chief Innovation Officer — The New Star On Legal Teams**

Over the past few years, forward-thinking law firms have expanded their talent pools to include a chief innovation officer, whose responsibilities include spearheading the implementation of technology. It is a smart move, says Mark Williamson, co-founder and chief technology officer at Hanzo Archives Ltd. [Read more »](#)

## **LEGAL INDUSTRY**

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Analysis

## **Why Latham's Sex Scandal Isn't BigLaw's #MeToo Moment**

The Tuesday resignation of Latham & Watkins LLP Chair Bill Voge amid a sexual misconduct scandal investigated by Law360 showcases how personal behavior can become a professional liability for attorneys, but experts say it falls well short of a #MeToo reckoning for BigLaw. [Read more »](#)

### **Analysis**

## **Latham Chair's Road From 'Christian Reconciliation' To Ouster**

The Tuesday resignation of Latham & Watkins Chair Bill Voge was the culmination of a monthslong association with a woman unconnected to the firm that began last September, when Voge volunteered to broker a "Christian reconciliation" between her and a member of a nonprofit where Voge sat on the board. [Read more »](#)

### **Feature**

## **5 Mistakes Millennial Attys Should Avoid On Social Media**

Any attorney can slip up online, as a slew of recent ethical flubs have shown, but millennial attorneys are especially susceptible because of their prolific posting and tweeting. Law360 looks at five of the worst mistakes attorneys can make on social media and how to avoid them. [Read more »](#)

## **Ex-Akin Gump Atty Says Feds Handed Him Stolen Complaints**

The ex-Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP attorney who was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for trying to sell a sealed whistleblower complaint said the government gave him back a hard drive full of stolen lawsuits, according to his renewed bid Wednesday to get into a prison-time-shaving drug rehab program. [Read more »](#)

### **How They Won It**

## **Jones Day And Orrick Kill Heller Clawback**

Knowing the California Supreme Court's decision would have broad ramifications for the legal industry, attorneys for Jones Day and Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP beat a clawback bid by the bankruptcy trustee of Heller Ehrman by arguing a core principle: A defunct law firm doesn't have a property interest in hourly matters continued by a dissolved firm's former partners. [Read more »](#)

### **Law Schools Ask 2nd Circ. To Affirm \$50M Antitrust Suit Win**

Ten law schools urged the Second Circuit on Wednesday to uphold a lower court's dismissal of federal antitrust and racketeering claims from a bar exam preparation company's \$50 million suit alleging they conspired to stifle competition for classes targeting foreign Master of Laws graduates, saying the claims weren't factually supported. [Read more »](#)

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## TOP NEWS

### Analysis

#### **Is The US Patent System In Trouble? Part 2**

"No," say its defenders, because raising the bar for patent holders has curbed abusive litigation. *Editor's note: This is the second in a series. The first installment, focusing on critics of the system, appeared in Monday's newsletters.* [Read more »](#)

### Analysis

#### **What To Expect After The High Court Rules On Sports Betting**

In one of the most anticipated decisions of the current U.S. Supreme Court term, the *Murphy v. NCAA* case will ultimately decide the fate of sports gambling in the country and has the potential to create big changes for governments, regulators and gaming advocates alike. [Read more »](#)

### Analysis

#### **Road To DOJ Declinations Paved With Good Intentions**



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### LAW FIRMS

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Seasoned observers welcome the U.S. Department of Justice's newest experiment in getting corporations to self-report their crimes, but say the nascent policy has a long way to go before companies or the public can rely on it for results. [Read more »](#)

### **High Court Criminal Case Could Make Waves In Water Law**

Environmental attorneys will be paying close attention Tuesday to a U.S. Supreme Court case that has nothing to do with environmental law as the justices hear oral arguments on how fragmented 4-1-4 decisions should be interpreted by lower courts, an issue that looms large in an ongoing battle over the Clean Water Act's reach. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

### **Facebook Row May Expand Access To IRS Appeals Process**

An argument brewing in a California federal court over whether taxpayers are guaranteed access to an appeals process during disputes with the Internal Revenue Service has the potential to expand taxpayer options for reaching settlements without the costs associated with litigation. [Read more »](#)

## **BANKING & SECURITIES**

### **SEC Launches Deliberations On NYSE Plan For Bitcoin ETFs**

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday said it would launch proceedings to determine whether it should approve a New York Stock Exchange proposal to list and trade two bitcoin-related exchange-traded funds, possibly delaying a decision for months. [Read more »](#)

### **Pay Execs In Debt To Fix Bank Culture, NY Fed CEO Says**

Federal Reserve Bank of New York head Bill Dudley on Monday said "unfinished business" remains in the financial sector despite large

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Bryan Cave  
Caplin & Drysdale  
Carlton Fields  
Cohen & Gresser  
Cohen Milstein  
Collins Einhorn  
DLA Piper  
Dentons  
Dickinson Wright  
Dorsey & Whitney  
Duane Morris  
Durie Tangri  
Earthjustice  
Eversheds Sutherland  
Fishkin Slatter  
Gerard Fox Law PC  
Gibson Dunn  
Greenberg Traurig  
Gupta Wessler  
Hogan Lovells  
Holland & Knight  
Hunton & Williams  
Jackson Lewis  
Jenner & Block  
Joseph & Kirschenbaum  
Kean Miller  
Kilpatrick Townsend  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Kutak Rock  
Latham & Watkins  
Locke Lord  
McDonald Carano  
Milbank Tweed  
Miller & Chevalier  
Morrison & Foerster  
Munger Tolles  
Orrick Herrington

regulatory strides since the 2008 financial crisis, and he suggested fining executives and paying them in debt among ways to continue to improve bank culture and incentives. Read more »

### **DOL, Trade Group Lay Down Swords In Fiduciary Rule Suit**

The National Association for Fixed Annuities and U.S. Department of Labor said Friday they have dropped their D.C. Circuit dispute over the agency's fiduciary rule for retirement advisers, a little more than a week after the Fifth Circuit vacated the rule. Read more »

## **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL**

### **BLM Flubbed Review Of Coal Development Plans, Judge Says**

A Montana federal judge on Friday said the U.S. Bureau of Land Management botched its environmental review of land-use plans crafted for coal development within the Powder River Basin in Montana and Wyoming, including its analysis of the plans' climate change impacts. Read more »

### **DC Circ. Seeks Prior Rule Delay Info In Chemical Rule Row**

The D.C. Circuit on Friday told the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to compile a list of pre-Trump administration examples of when the effective dates of finalized regulations have been postponed, amid litigation challenging the agency's efforts to roll back an Obama-era chemical risk management rule. Read more »

### **Sunoco Pipeline Not Under Local Zoning Law, Pa. Panel Says**

A Pennsylvania appeals court on Monday issued the second in a set of rulings that a controversial pipeline project being developed by a Sunoco Inc. unit was subject only to state

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Paul Hastings  
Pepper Hamilton  
Perkins Coie  
Pillsbury Winthrop  
Quinn Emanuel  
Redgrave LLP  
Reed Smith  
Ropes & Gray  
Saul Ewing  
Schnader Harrison  
Sidley Austin  
Stinson Leonard  
Sullivan & Cromwell  
Tabet DiVito  
Webb Law Firm  
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Center  
White & Case  
Williams Mullen  
Womble Bond Dickinson

## **COMPANIES**

AT&T Inc.  
Adobe Systems Incorporated  
Aetna Inc.  
Amazon.com Inc.  
American Bar Association  
American Federation of Labor and  
Congress of Industrial  
Organizations  
American Gaming Association  
American Intellectual Property Law  
Association  
Apple Inc.  
Associated Press  
Association of Corporate Counsel  
BDO USA LLP  
Barclays PLC  
Baretz+Brunelle

regulation and could not be subjected to local zoning rules. [Read more »](#)

### **Enviros Fight EPA Air Pollution Policy Reversal At DC Circ.**

Environmental groups on Monday urged the D.C. Circuit to block the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recent rescission of a 1995 policy that said any facility considered to be a "major" polluter under the Clean Air Act could never be recategorized as a less prolific polluter. [Read more »](#)

### **Trump Taps Ford Exec For EPA's International, Tribal Office**

President Donald Trump announced Friday that he plans to nominate W. "Chad" Charles McIntosh, who most recently worked at Ford Motor Co., to help run the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of International and Tribal Affairs. [Read more »](#)

## **HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES**

### **Fla. Gov. OKs Backup Generator Rules For Nursing Homes**

Florida's governor signed off Monday on permanent rules requiring all nursing homes and assisted living facilities to have emergency backup power, achieving a priority set after 13 elderly residents died when temperatures soared after Hurricane Irma knocked out the power in their Broward County nursing facility in September. [Read more »](#)

## **IP & TECHNOLOGY**

### **Sens. Propose USPTO Fee Power Renewal, Tech Upgrades**

Two U.S. senators have introduced a bill that would extend the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's authority to set its own fees — which is currently set to expire in September — in exchange for pressing it to modernize its information technology systems. [Read more »](#)

Broadcom Ltd.  
CME Group Inc.  
Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.  
Cisco Systems Inc.  
Computer & Communications Industry Association  
Covidien PLC  
Delaware Riverkeeper Network  
Edge International Inc.  
Environmental Defense Fund Inc.  
Facebook  
Ford Motor Company  
Garmin Ltd.  
Goldman Sachs Group Inc.  
Google Inc.  
HP Inc.  
Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.  
Huawei Technologies  
IAC/InterActiveCorp  
Intel Corporation  
Intellectual Ventures  
Kaspersky Lab Ltd.  
Kohls Corporation  
LM Ericsson Telephone Company  
Lambda Legal Defense & Educational Fund  
LeadingAge  
LinkedIn Corp.  
Major League Baseball Inc.  
Microsoft Corporation  
NFL Enterprises LLC  
National Collegiate Athletic Association  
National Hockey League  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Newegg Inc.  
Noble Corporation  
Oil States International Inc.



## **White House Hits Back At Report VA Chief Faces Ax**

A White House spokesman said Monday that Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin continues to have President Donald Trump's support, at least for now, following a report that the president was looking to oust him after a recent travel scandal and internal turmoil at the agency. [Read more »](#)

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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### **NLRB Union Presses Agency To Scrap Cost-Cutting Moves**

Just days after Congress held the National Labor Relations Board's budget steady at \$274 million, the union that represents workers at the agency's Washington, D.C., headquarters asked agency leadership to withdraw a series of recent cost-saving measures since the expected funding shortfall they were based on never came to pass, according to a letter obtained by Law360 on Monday. [Read more »](#)

### **NJ Assembly OKs Sick Leave Bill Amid Small Biz Concerns**

The New Jersey Assembly on Monday passed legislation that would require employers to provide earned sick leave to their workers in the state, a proposed measure lauded by supporters as helping workers and blasted by critics as hurting small businesses. [Read more »](#)

### **Female Atty Wage Gap Cited As NJ Passes Equal Pay Bill**

The New Jersey Legislature overwhelmingly passed a "historic" bill Monday aimed at closing the wage gap between men and women in the state, with some lawmakers highlighting how female attorneys are paid less than their male counterparts. [Read more »](#)

## **COMPETITION**

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Oracle Corp.  
ProFund Advisors LLC  
SAS Institute  
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.  
Sierra Club  
Sunoco  
Twitter Inc.  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Uber Technologies Inc.  
United Steelworkers  
Verizon Communications  
Vizio Inc.  
Washington Post Co.  
Wayfair LLC  
ZTE Corp.  
Zeughauser Group LLC

## **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

Army Corps of Engineers  
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Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Land Management  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Commodity Futures Trading  
Commission  
Confederated Salish & Kootenai  
Tribes  
Confederated Tribes of the  
Umatilla Indian Reservation  
European Union  
Executive Office of the President  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Communications  
Commission  
Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission  
Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
Federal Reserve System

### **Schumer Counsel, Ex-Sidley Austin Atty Picked For FTC Post**

President Donald Trump announced another nomination for the Federal Trade Commission Monday: the current chief counsel to Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who previously worked at Sidley Austin LLP. [Read more »](#)

### **OECD Says Australia Lags In Levying Competition Fines**

Australia levies comparatively small penalties on companies that run afoul of its competition laws, according to an Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development report released Monday that found many countries impose stiffer punishments than the island nation. [Read more »](#)

## **CYBERSECURITY & PRIVACY**

### **Pai Wants To Narrow Use Of \$8.5B Fund Amid Spying Fears**

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai proposed a rule Monday that would bar the use of an \$8.5 billion agency fund to buy products or services from companies that pose a threat to U.S. security, a move that comes over fears of Chinese espionage conducted through that country's tech companies. [Read more »](#)

### **FTC's Acting GC Leaves To Head Redgrave's Privacy Group**

The Federal Trade Commission's acting general counsel is retiring from government to lead the data and privacy practice at Redgrave LLP, the firm said Monday. [Read more »](#)

## **AEROSPACE & DEFENSE**

### **Transgender Troops Want DOD's New Partial Ban Blocked**

Current and prospective transgender military service members said they will ask a Washington federal court on Tuesday to permanently block President Donald Trump's

Federal Trade Commission  
Internal Revenue Service  
Michigan Department of  
Environmental Quality  
NAFTA  
National Labor Relations Board  
National Security Agency  
New Jersey Legislature  
Nisqually Indian Tribe  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
Office of Surface Mining  
Reclamation and Enforcement  
Quinault Indian Nation  
Securities and Exchange  
Commission  
Suquamish Tribe  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
U.S. Department of Defense  
U.S. Department of Justice  
U.S. Department of Labor  
U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency  
U.S. Office of Government Ethics  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
U.S. Senate  
U.S. Sentencing Commission  
U.S. Supreme Court  
United Nations  
Virginia Department of Taxation

new policy that would allow only some transgender troops to openly serve, after previously winning an injunction against a broader earlier policy, arguing the new policy is still unconstitutional. [Read more »](#)

## TAX

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### **Pass-Through Guidance Out By Summer At Earliest, IRS Says**

The Internal Revenue Service will likely issue further guidance on the rule that affects how pass-through entities are taxed under the new federal tax law by late summer or early fall, the agency's top official said Monday. [Read more »](#)

### **Va. High Court Says State 'Add-Back' Statute Unambiguous**

The Virginia Supreme Court has clarified its interpretation of a state "add-back" income tax statute in a revised opinion involving more than \$900 million of Kohl's Department Stores Inc.'s royalty payments apportioned to various states, saying the statute was not ambiguous after looking at the legislative intent of the law. [Read more »](#)

### **Lawmakers Propose Gutting IRS Oversight Board In Overhaul**

Members of the House Ways and Means Committee introduced a bill on Monday to eliminate the Internal Revenue Service's Oversight Board, along with overhauling and restructuring other elements of the agency. [Read more »](#)

### **Some Places Not Ready To Collect Online Tax, Report Says**

A Washington, D.C., think tank concerned with tax policy released a report Monday arguing local municipalities aren't prepared to collect taxes on online purchases after an analysis by the group found Amazon isn't collecting or is